



## **Political Science A.A.**

Career Community: Social Sciences

Curriculum Code: 0750

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

### **Purpose of the Major**

This degree is designed for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in this subject area. Students completing this curriculum will also satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan and qualify for an LCC Transfer Studies Certificate of Achievement (1482).

### **Milestone**

In addition to the required General Education courses Math and English, completion of POLS 120 and POLS 201 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in the courses.

### **Additional Information**

A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses.

### **Contact Information**

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Social Science and Humanities Department in the Arts & Sciences Building, Room 2203, telephone number 517-483-1061 or the Academic Advising Department, Gannon Building - StarZone, telephone number 517-483-1904.

### **Major Required Courses - Some courses meet General Education requirements for Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).**

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1
ANTH 270 or	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
PSYC 200 or	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
COMM 120 or	Dynamics of Communication	3 / 3
COMM 130 or	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
COMM 200 or	Small Group Communication	3 / 3
COMM 240 or	Interpersonal Communication	3 / 3
COMM 260 or	Nonverbal Communication	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or	Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 132	Honors Composition II	4 / 4
ENGL 121 or	Composition I	4 / 4
ENGL 131	Honors Composition I	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
MATH 120 or STAT 170	College Algebra Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4 4 / 4
POLS 120	American Political System	4 / 4
POLS 121	State and Local Government	4 / 4
POLS 201	Intro to Political Science	3 / 3
POLS 260 or POLS 270	Comparative Political Systems International Relations	3 / 3 3 / 3

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

Students wishing to waive ACAD 100 should contact their advisor.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University choose COMM 130, POLS 270, and STAT 170.
- Eastern Michigan University choose COMM 120 or COMM 130, and POLS 270.
- Grand Valley State University (International Relations BA or Political Science BS) choose COMM 130 and POLS 270.
- Michigan State University choose COMM 130 and MATH 120.
- University of Michigan Ann Arbor choose ENGL 122 and MATH 120.
- University of Michigan Flint choose ENGL 122 and MATH 120.
- Western Michigan University choose ENGL 122, POLS 270, and STAT 170.

**Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts** - *Select two courses from two different disciplines, as indicated for each transfer institution. If specific courses are not noted, select any two courses from different disciplines. A course may also be chosen from the list of LCC General Education Transfer, Humanities and Fine Arts courses.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ARTH 120	Masterpieces of Art & Music	4 / 4
ARTH 211	Art History to the Renaissance	4 / 4
ARTH 212	Art Hist from the Renaissance	4 / 4
ARTS 102	2D Design	3 / 4
ENGL 200	Introduction to Literature	3 / 3
ENGL 201	Introduction to Poetry	4 / 4
ENGL 208	Children's Literature	4 / 4
ENGL 211	World Literature I	4 / 4
ENGL 212	World Literature II	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ENGL 220	Science Fiction	4 / 4
ENGL 255	American Lit to 1865	4 / 4
ENGL 256	American Lit 1865 to Present	4 / 4
ENGL 260	African-American Literature	4 / 4
ENGL 266	British Lit to 1800	4 / 4
ENGL 267	British Lit 1800 to Present	4 / 4
ENGL 270	Gender and Literature	4 / 4
ENGL 290	Shakespeare	4 / 4
GRMN 121 or GRMN 122 or JAPN 121 or JAPN 122 or JAPN 201 or JAPN 202 or SPAN 121 or SPAN 122 or SPAN 201 or SPAN 202	Elementary German I Elementary German II Elementary Japanese I Elementary Japanese II Intermediate Japanese I Intermediate Japanese II Elementary Spanish I Elementary Spanish II Intermediate Spanish I Intermediate Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
HIST 150	African-American History	4 / 4
HIST 211	U.S. History to 1877	4 / 4
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
HIST 214	African History	4 / 4
HIST 215	World History to 1500	4 / 4
HIST 216	World History since 1500	4 / 4
HIST 220	Michigan History	4 / 4
HIST 240	Latin American History	4 / 4
HIST 250	History of Modern Asia	4 / 4
HUMS 140	Art of Being Human	4 / 4
HUMS 160	Mythology	4 / 4
HUMS 223	The Western World to 1500	4 / 4
HUMS 224	The Western World since 1500	4 / 4
MUSC 199	Music Appreciation	3 / 3
MUSC 240	Musical Cultures to 1750	4 / 4
MUSC 241	Musical Cultures 1750-Present	4 / 4
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3 / 3
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic & Critical Think	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4
PHIL 211	Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval	4 / 4
PHIL 212	Philosophy: Modern & Contempary	4 / 4
PHIL 215	Philosophy of Religion	3 / 3
RELG 150	Intro to World Religions	4 / 4
RELG 210	Comparative Religions	3 / 3
RELG 211	Asian Religions and Traditions	4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
RELG 230	Introduction to Christianity	3 / 3
RELG 232	Introduction to Islam	3 / 3

For future transfer to:

- Eastern Michigan University (International Relations BA) choose HIST 216 and PHIL 151 or PHIL 152.
- Grand Valley State University (International Relations BA) choose HIST 216 and RELG 210.
- University of Michigan Flint and Western Michigan University choose one HIST and one PHIL course.

**Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Sciences** – *Select 2-3 courses from two different disciplines, including at least one lab course, as indicated for each transfer institution and major. A course may also be chosen from the list of LCC General Education Transfer, Natural Sciences courses.*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4 / 4
ANTH 280	Forensic Anthropology	3 / 3
ASTR 201	Introductory Astronomy	4 / 5
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 125	Intro Biology for Non-Majors	4 / 6
BIOL 127	Cell Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 128	Organismal Biology	4 / 6
BIOL 145	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy	4 / 6
BIOL 202	Human Physiology	4 / 5
BIOL 203 and BIOL 204	Microbiology Microbiology Laboratory	3 / 3 1 / 3
BIOL 210	Natural Resource Conservation	4 / 6
BIOL 260	Botany	4 / 6
BIOL 265	Zoology	4 / 6
CHEM 135	Chemistry in Society	4 / 5
CHEM 151 and CHEM 161	General Chemistry Lecture I General Chemistry Lab I	4 / 4 1 / 3
CHEM 152 and CHEM 162	General Chemistry Lecture II General Chemistry Lab II	3 / 3 1 / 3
CHEM 182 and CHEM 192	Introductory Organic Chemistry Intro Organic Chem Lab	3 / 3 1 / 3
CHEM 262	Quantitative Analysis	3 / 6
CHEM 272	Organic Chemistry Laboratory	2 / 6
GEOG 206	Physical Geography	4 / 4
GEOG 220	Weather, Forecasting & Climate	4 / 4
GEOL 221	Physical Geology	4 / 6

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
GEOL 230	Environmental Geology	4 / 6
ISCI 121	Physical Science Concepts	4 / 6
ISCI 131	Integrated Physical Science	4 / 6
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3
PHYS 120	The Art of Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 200	Intro to Applied Physics	4 / 5
PHYS 221	Introductory Physics I	4 / 6
PHYS 222	Introductory Physics II	4 / 6
PHYS 251	Physics I with Calculus	5 / 7
PHYS 252	Physics II with Calculus	5 / 7

Note: For future transfer to Central Michigan University choose BIOL 120 and any non-BIOL course.

### General Education – Transfer Degrees (MTA)

- English Composition  
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course)/Communication  
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts  
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.
- Mathematics  
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences  
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.
- Social Sciences  
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.

**Elective Courses, Recommend Choices**—Select courses as needed to reach the 60 credits required for the degree. See notes below for specific courses for each transfer institution and major. If specific courses are not indicated for your transfer institution, select any Elective courses. Courses already taken for Career Community or Program of Study Required requirements, will not count for Elective credits. (For the full list of options, see [AA and AS Degree Electives.](#))

Course Code	Course Title	Credit/Billing Hours
ANTH 120	Introduction to Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3 / 3
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4 / 4
ANTH 276	Introduction to Archaeology	3 / 3
ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Composition II Honors Composition II	4 / 4 4 / 4
GRMN 121 or GRMN 122 or JAPN 121 or	Elementary German I Elementary German II Elementary Japanese I	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit/Billing Hours
JAPN 122 or JAPN 201 or JAPN 202 or SPAN 121 or SPAN 122 or SPAN 201 or SPAN 202	Elementary Japanese II Intermediate Japanese I Intermediate Japanese II Elementary Spanish I Elementary Spanish II Intermediate Spanish I Intermediate Spanish II	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
ECON 201	Principles of Economics-Micro	4 / 4
ECON 202	Principles of Economics-Macro	4 / 4
GEOG 120	Introduction to Geography	3 / 3
GEOG 200	World Regional Geography	4 / 4
GEOG 202	Geography of North America	3 / 3
GEOL 222	Historical Geology	4 / 6
POLS 205	Political Science Internship	3 / 3
POLS 240	Introduction to Public Policy	3 / 3
POLS 250	Campaigns & Elections	3 / 3
POLS 260	Comparative Political Systems	3 / 3
POLS 270	International Relations	3 / 3
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4
PSYC 202	Psychology of Personality	3 / 3
PSYC 203	Social Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 205	Human Growth and Development	3 / 3
PSYC 209	Cognitive Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 210	Brain and Behavior	3 / 3
PSYC 221	Child Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 222	Adolescent Psychology	3 / 3
PSYC 250	Abnormal Psychology	3 / 3
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
SOCL 254	Marriage and Family	3 / 3
SOCL 255	Contemporary Social Problems	3 / 3
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	3 / 3
STAT 215	Intro to Probability and Stats	4 / 4

Notes:

POLS 205 is not highly transferrable and therefore should only be selected when students are preparing to transfer to the institutions which will accept the course as noted below.

For future transfer to:

- Central Michigan University (Political Science BS) choose ENGL 122, POLS 205 or POLS 260 or POLS 270, and PSYC 202 and PSYC 203.
- Central Michigan University (International Relations BS) choose ENGL 122, POLS 205 or POLS 270, and PSYC 202 and PSYC 203.
- Eastern Michigan University (Political Science BA and Public and Nonprofit Administration BA) choose ENGL 122 and 3 from POLS 205, POLS 240, POLS 250, and POLS 270.

- Eastern Michigan University (International Affairs BA) choose ENGL 122 and one of the following pairs: ECON 201 and ECON 202, or GEOG 120 and GEOG 200, or 2 courses from the same foreign language: GRMN, JAPN, or SPAN.
- Eastern Michigan University (Public and Nonprofit Administration) choose ENGL 122 and POLS 205, POLS 240, and POLS 250.
- Grand Valley State University (Political Science BS) choose ECON 201 or ECON 202, and POLS 240, POLS 250, and POLS 270.
- Grand Valley State University (International Relations BA) choose ECON 201 or ECON 202, and 4 courses from the same foreign language: GRMN, JAPN, or SPAN.
- Michigan State University (Political Science and Pre-Law) choose POLS 270 and 2 courses from the same foreign language: GRMN, JAPN, or SPAN.
- Michigan State University (Public Policy and World Politics) choose POLS 240 and 2 courses from the same foreign language: GRMN, JAPN, or SPAN.
- University of Michigan Flint choose POLS 205, and POLS 260 or POLS 270, and 2 courses from the same foreign language: GRMN, JAPN, or SPAN.
- Western Michigan University (Political Science and Comparative Politics and International Relations BA) choose POLS 205 and POLS 260, and 2 courses from the same foreign language: GRMN, JAPN, or SPAN.
- Western Michigan University (Public Policy or Public Law BA) choose 2 from POLS 205, POLS 240, and POLS 250, and 2 courses from the same foreign language: GRMN, JAPN, or SPAN.

## Minimum Total Credit Hours

60 credits / 60 billing hours

## Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
ACAD 100
ENGL 121 or 131
POLS 120 – Milestone course
POLS 201 – Milestone course

Semester II
ANTH 270 or PSYC 200 or SOCL 120
COMM 120 or COMM 130 or COMM 200 or COMM 240 or COMM 260 or ENGL 122 or ENGL 132
MATH 120 or STAT 170
POLS 121

Semester III
POLS 260 or POLS 270
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts
Limited Choice – Natural Sciences
Elective courses as needed for total credits

Semester IV
Limited Choice - Humanities and Fine Arts
Limited Choice - Natural Sciences
Elective courses as needed for total credits

*LCC makes every effort to limit revisions to the pathways during their effective timeframe. However, the College reserves the right to update certificate and degree titles, and make course changes as needed, without prior notice. The College also reserves the right to discontinue programs when warranted.*