

# AA, POLITICAL SCIENCE

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. TMCC has transfer agreements (<https://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/transfer-students/transfer-agreements/>) with the following institutions.

- University of Nevada, Reno

The Associate of Arts Degree in Political Science is designed for students interested in the study of governments and other political actors. The curriculum will provide students with a basic understanding of the central concepts, questions, and theoretical perspectives in political science.

Among the concepts that students will study include power, authority, ethics, legitimacy, and representation; the concepts will be used to analyze the political impact of issues including war, peace, globalization, poverty, the environment, and equality. The course of study is designated as a university transfer program that meets the requirements for the first two years of study for the B.A. in political science at UNR. Since this emphasis is part of a 2+2 program, students receiving this degree will be eligible for transfer to upper division status in UNR's College of Liberal Arts. Students wishing to transfer to any other baccalaureate program should consult advisors at TMCC and the institution of transfer to obtain the necessary courses.

## Outcomes

Students completing this degree will:

- Critically analyze central questions in political science; these include but are not limited to the origins and purposes of government, the proper relationship between citizens and government, and how societies deal with change, allocate resources, and distribute power.
- Write clearly about contemporary issues of politics at the local, state, and national and/or international level.
- Know the duties of citizens and the importance of effective involvement in politics. Specifically, graduates will develop the knowledge to function effectively as responsible, ethical and contributing citizens of the community, state, and nation.

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

To earn an AA/AS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AA/AS (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>English</i> <sup>1</sup>		3-6
Required:		
ENG 102 or ENG 114	Composition II Composition II For International Students	
<i>Fine Arts</i>		3
<i>Humanities</i>		3

<i>Mathematics</i>		3
Math 120 or Higher		
<i>Science</i>		6
<i>Social Science</i>		
Required:		
PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics	3
<b>Additional College Requirements</b>		
<i>Diversity</i> <sup>2</sup>		[3]
<i>Foreign Language</i> <sup>3</sup>		0-14
<i>U.S. &amp; NV Constitutions</i> <sup>2, 4</sup>		[3]
<b>Degree Requirements</b>		
PSC 210	American Public Policy	3
PSC 211	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
PSC 231	Introduction to International Relations	3
<b>Emphasis Requirements</b>		
PSC 208	Survey of State and Local Government	3
PSC 250	The Politics of International Terrorism	3
PSC 295	Special Topics in Political Science	3
<b>Elective</b>		<b>4-15</b>
Choose from PSC 227, or PSC 299		
Or any Transferable Elective		
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> If you place into ENG 102 or ENG 114, the additional 3 required units will become elective units.

<sup>2</sup> Course may also count toward degree requirements. Please consult with Academic Advisement.

<sup>3</sup> Please refer to the Foreign Language Requirements (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-foreign-language-requirements/>) for options to complete

1st semester		Units
English <sup>4</sup>		3
Fine Arts <sup>4</sup>		3
Foreign Language <sup>6</sup>		4
Mathematics <sup>4</sup>		3
PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>2nd semester</b>		
English <sup>4</sup>		3
Foreign Language <sup>6</sup>		4
Humanities <sup>4</sup>		3
Science <sup>4</sup>		3
PSC 231	Introduction to International Relations	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>3rd semester</b>		
Elective <sup>5</sup>		3
Emphasis <sup>5</sup>		3
Foreign Language <sup>6</sup>		3
Science <sup>4</sup>		3
PSC 211	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>15</b>

**4th semester**

Elective <sup>5</sup>		3-4
Foreign Language <sup>6</sup>		3
Diversity <sup>5</sup>		3
PSC 210	American Public Policy	3
<b>Semester Total</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>4</sup> See approved General Education list for the AA/AS Degree. (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>)

<sup>5</sup> See program recommendations or requirements

<sup>6</sup> See approved Foreign Language list for the AA Degree. (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-foreign-language-requirements/>)