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Overview

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with a concentration in Political Science. Completion of this degree opens doors to a variety of careers in fields including public service, government, interest groups, sustainability, businesses, social media, and education. (Read program QR code to see more)

Estimated Length of Completion

Degree: Associate of Arts - Direct Transfer Agreement (LASDTAA)
6 quarters, Full time

Career Opportunities

A Political Science pathway can lead to various career opportunities. Examples include:

- Policy Analyst/Legislative Assistant
- Lobbyist
- Political Campaign Staff
- Marketing Research Analyst
- Public Relations Specialist
- Attorney
- Teacher
- Intelligence Analyst
- Social Media Manager
- College Student Leadership and Activities ...(Read program QR code to see more)

Future Education

Once you complete the Associate degree, additional educational opportunities include:

- A Bachelor's degree in Political Science, Economics, Media & Communications, or a related field at a four-year college or university.

North Seattle College has direct transfer agreements with four-year institutions throughout Washington state, including the University of Washington, Washington State University, and Seattle University. Political Science graduates from North have also transferred to out-of-state institutions.

Program and admissions requirements vary from college-to-college. Contact an advisor to create an educational plan tailored to transfer to the institution of your choice.

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Get Started

Step 1: Apply and register at North Seattle College anytime (the application is always free). Once you become a student, register for classes using the online class schedule and go to the academic calendar for registration dates and tuition deadlines.

Step 2: See an advisor to create a personalized educational plan by the end of your second quarter. Your plan will include prerequisites, graduation requirements, and transfer preparation if you plan to transfer to another college or university to earn a bachelor's degree.

Tuition and Fees

Learn more about the estimated cost of attendance and general fees to attend college.

Financial Aid and Funding Resources

It's time to apply for Financial Aid for next year by completing either the FAFSA or the WASFA 2024-25.

Need help paying for college?

To apply for financial aid, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back, visit North's Financial Aid Department for details. Part-time and full-time students can qualify for financial aid funds.

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Before Quarter One

- Pre-College or Transitional Studies Math (if needed)
- Pre-College or Transitional Studies English (if needed)
- Apply for Financial Aid and other funding before your first quarter. Visit the Financial Aid Office to explore how to pay for college.
- Transfer previous college credits to North if applicable.
- Attend New Student Orientation.
- Explore placement options: take the math and English placement tool if needed.
- Make an informed choice on the number of units to take each quarter.
- F-1 international students must enroll full time (12+ units) each quarter and check in with the International Programs office before the start of the quarter if enrolling in less than 12 units and/or before starting any work or volunteer experience.
- If you need academic accommodations for a documented disability, please contact Disability Services.

A sample schedule and quarterly to-do list are below. The schedule and to-do list will help you explore courses and complete tasks on time. The guide assumes a fall quarter start, but you can begin in any quarter.

Sample Schedule

This is an example of a quarterly schedule:

Quarter 1
- ENGL&101 English Composition I (5 units)
- POLS&101 Intro Political Science (5 units)
- MATH&146 Introduction to Stats (5 units)

Quarter 2
- Integrated Studies: ENGL&102 (5 units)
- Integrated Studies: Visual, Literary & Performing Arts (5 units)
- ANTH&205 or Natural World (5 units)

Quarter 3
- POLS&202 American Government (5 units)
- CMST&101 Intro to Communication (5 units)
- HUM105 or CMST 205 (5 units)

Quarter 4
- World Language I or Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)
- SOC&101 or PSCY& 100 (5 units)
- ENVS&101 Intro to Env Science (5 units)

Quarter 5
- World Language II or Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)
- BIOL&100 Survey of Biology (5 units)
- AME151 or Elective (5 units)

Quarter 6
- World Language III or Elective (5 units)
- POLS&203 International Relations (5 units)
- CMST&220 or Elective (5 units)

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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

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Quarter 1

- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in Starfish to meet and discuss your goals. Learn more about Starfish here.
- Explore careers and majors through workshops, counseling and career services.
- Come to the Library to get help with research; check out resources; access computers and study space; and create media projects.
- Visit the Student Learning Center to learn about tutoring services offered in-person and online.
- Check out campus life: Student Clubs and Affinity Groups, TRIO, Equity & Welcome Center, Wellness Center, etc.
- Familiarize yourself with Canvas and visit the e-Learning office for tutorials and assistance.

Quarter 2

- Create an educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Research and develop a list of 4-year colleges and universities.
- Attend transfer events at North and universities of interest.
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and career services.
- Visit North's Transfer webpage for transfer information.
- Check out the Congressional Research Service (CRS) Report for nonpartisan policy briefings.

Quarter 3

- Update your educational plan with your assigned advisor.
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.
- Apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship and other scholarships.
- Consider Student Leadership positions and other on-campus jobs.
- Attend "Making Learning and Teaching Visible" campus event every Spring.

Quarter 4

- Update your educational plan and confirm your program of study with your assigned advisor.
- Contact Political Science departments at potential universities.
- Attend transfer events at North and universities of interest.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Explore possible political science internships.
- Check out political science events on campus.

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Quarter 5

- Apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Explore possible political science internships.
- Apply for the AA-DTA degree in ctcLink. Check with your assigned advisor to be sure you are meeting degree requirements.

Quarter 6

- Check in with university for transfer plan.
- Order cap and gown for commencement and join alumni association.
- Attend on-campus graduation fair and commencement ceremony.

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