

Pathway: **Political Science**

Area of Study: **Social Sciences, Humanities, and Language**



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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)
9 quarters, Part 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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Contact the [Social Sciences, Humanities, and Languages Area of Study advisor](#).

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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)

Quarter 2

- Integrated Studies: ENGL& 102 (5 units)
- Integrated Studies: Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts (5 units)

Quarter 3

- POLS&202 American Government (5 units)
- MATH&146 Introduction to Stats (5 units)

Quarter 4

- CMST&101 Intro to Communication (5 units)
- ENVS&101 Intro to Env Science (5 units)

Quarter 5

- BIOL&100 Survey of Biology (5 units)
- SOC&101 or PSYC& 100 (5 units)

Quarter 6

- POLS&203 International Relations (5 units)
- CMST&220 Public Speaking (5 units)

Quarter 7

- World Language I or Visual, Literary and Perf Arts (5 units)
- ANTH&205 or Natural World (5 units)

Quarter 8

- World Language II or Elective (5 units)
- AME151 or AME 201 (5 units)

Quarter 9

- World Language III or Elective (5 units)
- HUM105 or CMST 205 (5 units)



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Sample Quarterly To-Do List

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

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.
- Visit [North's Transfer webpage](#) for transfer information.

Quarter 3

- Apply for the [Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship](#) and [other scholarships](#).
- Consider [Student Leadership positions](#) and other [on-campus jobs](#).
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.
- Attend "Making Learning and Teaching Visible" campus event every Spring.
- Apply for Summer financial aid.
- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.

Quarter 4

- Research and develop a list of four-year colleges and universities.
- Update your educational plan and confirm your program of study with your [assigned advisor](#).
- Contact Political Science department at potential universities.
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.

Quarter 5

- Check out political science events on campus.
- Attend [transfer events](#) at North and universities of interest.

Quarter 6

- Apply for [financial aid](#) for the upcoming academic year in Winter or Spring quarter to maximize your funding options.
- Contact political science department at potential universities.
- Update your educational plan with your [assigned advisor](#).



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Quarter 7

- Attend [transfer events](#) at North and universities of interest.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Explore possible political science internships.
- Apply for Summer financial aid.

Quarter 8

- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- [Apply](#) for the AA-DTA degree in ctcLink. Check with your assigned advisor to be sure you are meeting degree requirements.

Quarter 9

- Check in with university for transfer plan.



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