

Oklahoma City Community College

Political Science/Pre-Law

Associate in Arts

Minimum of 61 credit hours

The political science/pre-law degree at Oklahoma City Community College gives you the opportunity to explore the science of politics and law. The program represents a broad spectrum of teaching interests, approaches, and courses. We pride ourselves in our strengths in teaching, not only in the sub-fields of political science – American politics, public policy, law, public administration, comparative politics, and political theory. When you study political science/pre-law at Oklahoma City Community College, you will have the opportunity to enhance your writing, research, and critical analysis skills. You will also find your strengths in conveying information, while learning how to critically challenge values, beliefs, and opinions, and viewing the world through various perspectives. Our program is successful in preparing our majors for the rigors of studies and student life at the university level.

COURSE SEQUENCE

Course ID	Course Name	Credits	Type	Min GD
Term 1				
SCL 1001	Success in College and Life Students will learn best practices for academic, career, and personal success. Students will discover their individual strengths, interests, and values to create a personalized plan; select and utilize resources that are applicable to their growth and success; and engage as active and responsible members of the academic community. This course should be taken during a student's first semester of college work at Oklahoma City Community College and is a required course in degree plans to satisfy the Life Skills requirement. Prerequisites: ENGL 0106 or adequate reading/writing assessment scores	1	Life Skills	
ENGL 1113	English Composition I The student will write well-developed compositions which demonstrate the principles of unity, coherence, and organization and which contain specific details and vivid language. The students will locate library material and incorporate researched materials into compositions. Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures	3	Gen Ed	
POLSC 1113	American Federal Government A study of the principles, structure, processes and functions of the United States federal government. Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures	3	Gen Ed	
Term 2				
HIST 1483	U.S. History to 1877 After analyzing events in American history from 1400 to 1877 in such areas as revolution, geographic and social mobility, political reform, government precedents and war, students will be able to identify patterns of present day mobility, describe governmental operations in their society and help resolve conflict in society based on the student's search for change, precedents, and conflict in the American past. A general education requirement. Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures	OR	Gen Ed	
HIST 1493	U.S. History 1877 to Present After analyzing events in American history from 1877 to the present in such areas as geographic and social mobility, political reform, government precedents and war, students will be able to identify patterns of present day mobility, describe governmental operations in their society and help resolve conflict in society based on the student's search for change, precedents, and conflict in the American past. A general education requirement. Prerequisites: ENGL 0203, adequate placement score, or by meeting determined placement measures	3	Gen Ed	
COM 2213	Intro to Public Speaking	3	Gen Ed	

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Prerequisites:

ENGL 0106 or adequate placement score

Term 3

ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3	Gen Ed
	In this advanced writing course, students will create essays that explore and evaluate a variety of issues and perspectives suggested by fiction, poetry, drama, essays, and other types of cultural texts. Students will refine and augment the writing techniques they learned in ENGL 1113 or ENGL 1103 to develop well- reasoned, well-structured arguments in a clear, fluid, and engaging prose style.		
	Prerequisites:		
	ENGL 1103 or ENGL 1113 taken within the last year, with strong encouragement for immediate continuation.		
GEOG 2603	World Regional Geography	3	Gen Ed
	The student will examine the world's major cultural regions and determine the relationship between the physical environment and economic, social and political conditions.		
	Prerequisites:		
	None		
POL SCI	Political Science Elective	3*^	Major
	Political Science electives include the following: POLSC 1000 Special Topics in Political Science, POLSC 2000 Special Topics in Political Science, POLSC 2103 Introduction to Public Administration, POLSC 2113 Introduction to State and Local Government, POLSC 2123 Introduction to American Politics, POLSC 2213 Contemporary Issues in American Politics, POLSC 2223 Introduction to Law, POLSC 2303 Introduction to International Relations, POLSC 2603 Introduction to Comparative Politics, POLSC 2623 Introduction to Political Theory		

Term 4

MATH 1483	Functions and Modeling	OR	Gen Ed
	The student will demonstrate: an understanding of the general concepts of relation and function and specifically of polynomial, rational, exponential and logarithmic functions; the ability to solve systems of equations by utilizing matrices and determinants; and, the ability to solve practical problems using algebraic and digital techniques.		
	Prerequisites:		
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MATH 1503	Contemporary Mathematics	OR	Gen Ed
	A study of the mathematics needed for critical evaluation of quantitative information and arguments (including logic, critical appraisal of graphs and tables); use of simple mathematical models, and an introduction to elementary statistics.		
	Prerequisites:		
	MATH 0313 or adequate math placement. Pre or Co-requisite ENGL 0203		
MATH 2013	Introduction to Statistics	3	Gen Ed
	The student will solve problems applying the concepts of random sampling, elementary probability, testing hypotheses, descriptive measures, chi-square, regression and correlation, and analysis of variance.		
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Term 5			
BIO	Biological Science Biological Science	3-4	Gen Ed
HUM	Humanities Elective Humanities elective	3	Gen Ed
Term 6			
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ECON 1013	Introduction to Economics This course is an introduction to the fundamental framework economists use to analyze problems. Students will explore the principles by which decisions are made by consumers, businesses and the government. Upon completion of this course will be able to relate the principles of economics to solve everyday problems. Topics covered include scarcity, choice and opportunity cost; demand, supply, market efficiency and structure; consumer utility theory, inflation, unemployment and the effects of government policy and intervention. Prerequisites: MATH 0203 or adequate math placement and ENGL 0203 or adequate placement score, or by meeting determined measures.	3	Gen Ed
Term 7			
PHYS	Any Physical Science Any Physical Science	3-4	Gen Ed
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Term 8			
HUM	Humanities Elective Humanities elective	3	Gen Ed
SUPP	Guided Support Elective Guided Support elective	5	Support
Term 9			
SUPP	Guided Support Elective Guided Support elective	6	Support

*Students may choose 12 hours of POLSC electives. POLSC 2103 Public Administration is a 16-week course for presidential election years (fall 2020; fall 2024). If taken as one of the electives, POLSC 2103 would be a 16-week course offered during two 8-week terms.

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COURSE GROUPING

Major Courses: (12 Credit Hours) Political Science: Twelve credit hours Political Science Electives

General Education Courses: (37 Credit Hours)

English: ENGL 1113; ENGL 1213;

History: HIST 1483 or 1493; COM 2213;

Political Science: POLSC 1113;

Science: Three to four credit hours of general education Biological Science; three to four credit hours general education

Physical Science. One of the science courses must include a lab component.;

Humanities: Six credit hours Humanities;

Mathematics: MATH 1483 or MATH 1503 or MATH 2013;

Geography: GEOG 2603;

Economics: ECON 1013. Life Skills Courses: (1 credit hour)

Life Skills: SCL 1001

Support Courses: (11 Credit Hours) Elective: 11 credit hours Approved Electives (Approved electives are any courses in the following areas: Accounting, Banking and Finance, Business, Computer Science, Journalism and Broadcasting, Economics, History, Psychology, and Sociology.)

PROGRAM NOTES

Notes: This program is designed for students planning to continue their education at a four-year college or university. See University Parallel/Transfer Programs in the general information section of the catalog.

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COMMUNICATIONS

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