



## Suggested Schedule to Associate of Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement with an emphasis in Political Science

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with an emphasis in Political Science. This sample schedule assumes a fall start. If you wish to take alternate courses not listed below please meet with a North advisor to confirm you're still meeting AA degree requirements.

### Before You Start

- Pre-College Math or [Adult Basic Education \(ABE\)](#) if needed.
- Pre-College English, [Adult Basic Education \(ABE\)](#) or [English as a Second Language \(ESL\)](#) if needed.

### To Do

- 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](#).
- Attend [New Student Orientation](#).
- Explore placement options: take the [Math and English placement tests](#) if needed.

### Year One

#### Credits

#### Quarter 1

- ENGL& 101 English Composition I .....5
- MATH& 107 Math in Society.....5
- POLS& 101 Introduction to Political Science .....5

#### Quarter 2

- Integrated Studies: ENGL&102 Composition II .....5
- Integrated Studies VLPA Visual, Literary, and Performing Arts .....5
- POLS& 202 American Government .....5

#### Quarter 3

- ENV5& 101 Intro. to Environmental Sci w/ Lab .....5
- MATH& 146 Introduction to Statistics .....5
- POLS& 203 International Relations.....5

### Year Two

#### Quarter 4

- BUS& 201 Business Law .....5
- CWE 110 Internship.....3
- PEC 136 Yoga or other 2 credit elective .....2
- World Language I.....5

#### Quarter 5

- BIOL& 100 Survey of Biology .....5
- CMST& 220 Public Speaking .....5
- World Language II.....5

#### Quarter 6

- AME 151 Societies & Cultures of the US.....5
- POLS 11 The American Presidency.....5
- World Language III or another elective.....5

### Quarter 1

- Drop by 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, Equity & Welcome Center, Fitness Center, etc.
- Schedule an appointment with your assigned advisor in [Starfish](#) to meet and discuss first steps.
- 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 four-year colleges and universities.
- Attend transfer fair and workshops.
- 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 with your assigned advisor.
- Contact Political Science departments at potential universities.
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Explore possible political science internships.
- Check out political science events on campus.

### 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.
- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.
- Apply for graduation for the AA-DTA degree with your assigned advisor.

### 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.

**Total Credits Required: 90**



## About the Pathway

This pathway meets requirements for the Associate of Arts-Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA) degree with an emphasis 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. It also allows you to transfer at the junior level to a four-year college or university with core Political Science classes completed.

Students in this pathway develop skills in critical analysis, research, multicultural awareness, communication, information literacy, audience analysis, networking, and leadership. Students build foundational knowledge of political institutions, policy, American systems, globalization, and political theory. Competencies in these areas consistently rank at the top of employer wish lists.

## Career Opportunities

- 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 Directors

A Bachelor's degree or higher may be required for some careers listed above. For current employment and wage estimates, please visit [www.bls.gov/oes](http://www.bls.gov/oes).

## Approximate Costs Each Quarter

Tuition & fees for:

WA state residents.....	\$1555
International students.....	\$3298
Books, supplies, and miscellaneous fees .....	\$475

**\*Please note that these costs are estimates and may vary.**

## Apply for Financial Aid and Other Funding

All students in need should apply for financial aid; do not assume you are not eligible! Visit <https://northseattle.edu/financial-aid> to learn more about the application steps and types of financial aid available, including grants and scholarships you don't have to pay back.

## Length of Program

90 credits = 6 quarters if you take 15 credits each term.

## Class Times/Delivery Format?

North offers courses a variety of options in day, evening, and hybrid (part on-campus, part online).

## Find Out More

Visit [northseattle.edu/programs/political-science](http://northseattle.edu/programs/political-science) to learn more about this pathway, or contact Jill Lane, Program Coordinator, at [Jill.Lane@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:Jill.Lane@seattlecolleges.edu) or the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Languages area of study advisor at [advisornorth@seattlecolleges.edu](mailto:advisornorth@seattlecolleges.edu) or [206-934-3658](tel:206-934-3658).

## Which quarter can I begin?

Any.

## Future Education Opportunities

Once you complete the Associate degree, additional education 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.