



## 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
- POLS& 101 Introduction to Political Science .....5

#### Quarter 2

- MATH& 107 Math in Society.....5
- World Language I.....5

#### Quarter 3

- MATH& 146 Introduction to Statistics .....5
- World Language II.....5

#### Quarter 4

- POLS&202 American Government .....5
- World Language III or another elective.....5

### Year Two

#### Quarter 5

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

#### Quarter 6

- BIOL& 10 Survey of Biology.....5
- POLS& 203 International Relations.....5

#### Quarter 7

- BUS& 201 Business Law .....5
- POLS 111 The American Presidency.....5

#### Quarter 8

- CMST& 220 Public Speaking .....5
- ENV5& 101 Intro. to Environmental Sci w/ Lab .....5

### Year Three

#### Quarter 9

- AME 151 Societies & Cultures of the US.....5
- CWE 110 Internship.....5
- PEC 136 Yoga .....5

### Quarter 1

- Meet with your area of study advisor to discuss your goals.
- 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 for tutoring.
- Check out campus life: student clubs, Equity & Welcome Center, Fall Fest, etc.
- 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

- 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.
- Create an educational plan with your assigned advisor.

### Quarter 3

- Apply for the Seattle Colleges Foundation Scholarship and other scholarships.
- Consider Student Leadership positions and other on-campus jobs.
- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and career services.
- 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 with your assigned advisor.
- Contact Political Science department at potential universities.
- Visit potential universities and determine application deadlines.

### Quarter 5

- Explore careers and majors: workshops, counseling and career services.
- Check out political science events on campus.
- Attend transfer fair and workshops.

### Quarter 6

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

### Quarter 7

- Attend transfer workshops and a transfer fair.
- Write your personal statement for university applications.
- Explore possible political science interships.
- Apply for Summer financial aid.

### Quarter 8

- Apply to universities or colleges and scholarships.
- Apply for graduation for AA-DTA degree with your assigned advisor.

### Quarter 9

- Check in with university for transfer plan.

**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.....	\$1283
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. You do not need to be a full-time student to receive financial aid funds.

## Length of Program

90 credits = 9 quarters if you take 10 credits\* each term.

\*Students who take 15 credits each quarter earn their degree faster, qualify for more financial aid, and earn more money over their lifetime because they complete their schooling faster.

## 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.