



Degree Guide:

Political Science Emphasis, Associate in Arts Direct Transfer Agreement (AA-DTA)

Program

[Political Science \(POLS/POLS&\)](#)

Degree Type

Transfer Degree-Emphasis

Overview

Complete your [Associate in Arts Degree, Direct Transfer Agreement \(AA-DTA\)](#) with an emphasis on Political Science, the study of government, politics, and policy. Students interested in domestic, international, or comparative systems of governance are well-suited for this pathway. It is the springboard for a variety of careers and interests.

Sample Schedule

This sample schedule is provided as a guide for a full-time student starting in fall quarter whose goal is to earn the AA-DTA. The courses are designed with the appropriate number of credits to meet degree requirements and are organized in a recommended sequence. Please consult an advisor to schedule courses and develop a personalized educational plan.

Your personal educational plan will vary based on many factors including:

- The quarter you begin
- How many classes/credits you plan to take in each quarter
- Your math and English placement
- If you have credits you have already taken and plan to transfer them
- The college you are interested in transferring to
- If you start in our [Transitional Studies](#) program

Sample Career Options

- Foreign service officer or diplomat
- Government official
- Lawyer
- Policy analyst
- Political scientist

Transfer and Degree Requirements

Students working toward their transfer degree typically take a variety of courses designed to fulfill the general requirements of most four-year colleges and universities. **Students intending to transfer to a four-year college for further study are encouraged to work closely with their advisor and transfer institution to explore the requirements of the college they wish to attend after Peninsula.** Most institutions have separate admission criteria, which may be based on grades, prerequisite coursework, test scores, and other considerations. Our sample schedule is designed to provide you with faculty recommended courses to complete your AA-DTA degree with an emphasis in political science, but is not a major ready pathway for every institution.

[Transfer Institution Information](#)

Students must select credits from three [distribution lists](#): Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities. A



specific course may be credited toward no more than one distribution requirement. A minimum of fifteen credits in two separate subject areas must be selected from each list. For Natural Sciences, at least five credits must be a lab. For Humanities, no more than five credits can be a Humanities-Performance course and no more than five credits may be applied in world languages at the 100 level.

Program Outcomes

Program outcomes are listed on the [Area of Study webpage](#).

First Quarter

Meet with your advisor to talk about your long-term schedule, taking into account your transfer plans.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
COLL 101	College Success	5
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	5
POLS& 101	Intro Political Science	5

Second Quarter

It's not too soon to explore transfer options. Make a [transfer appointment](#).

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
ENGL& 102	Composition II	5
MATH& 141 or MATH& 146		5
SOCSI 101	Contemporary Global Issues	5

Third Quarter

Check your educational plan to make sure you're on track to graduate.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
CMST& 220	Public Speaking	5
Natural Sciences		5
POLS& 202	United States Government	5



Fourth Quarter

Meet with your educational and career planner to explore universities.

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
Elective		5
Humanities		5
Natural Sciences		5

Elective + Consider History (HIST&) or a Language course.
 Humanities + Take a second subject area.
 Natural Sciences + Choose a second subject area.

Fifth Quarter

Apply to graduate. You're just two quarters away...keep it up!

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
Elective		5
Natural Sciences		5
POLS& 203	International Relations	5

Elective + Consider History (HIST&) or a second Language course.
 Natural Sciences + Choose a third subject area.

Sixth Quarter

You're almost done! Good luck on your final quarter!

Catalog #	Course Title	Credits
Elective		5
Humanities		5
Social Sciences		5

Elective + Consider Comparative Government ([POLS& 204](#)) or History (HIST&).
 Humanities + Consider a third Language course.
 Social Sciences + Choose a third subject area.

Total Credits	90
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