

## Political Science Transfer Pathway

Associate of Arts Degree (TPPS)

### Required Courses

#### Required Discipline Courses (9 credits)

POLS 1435 American Government & Politics (Goals 5,9)...3 cr  
 POLS 1439 State and Local Government (Goal 5,9) .....3 cr  
 POLS 2450 International Relations (Goals 5,8).....3 cr

#### Required MnTC Courses (31 credits)

##### Goal 1 - Communications (9-11 credits)

ENGL 1410 Composition I (Goal 1) **OR**  
 ENGL 1420\*Honors Composition I (Goal 1) .....4 cr  
 ENGL 1411\*Composition II (Goal 1) **OR**  
 ENGL 1421\*Honors Composition II (Goals 1,9) .....4 cr  
 Additional Goal 1 course.....1-3 cr

##### Goal 2 - Critical Thinking ..... 1 course

##### Goal 3 - Natural Sciences (6 credits)

2 disciplines recommended, 1 lab course required .....6 cr

##### Goal 4 - Math/Logical Reasoning (3 credits)

MATH 1460\* Intro to Statistics (Goal 4) **OR**  
 MATH 1461\* Honors Intro to Statistics (Goals 2,4)  
 recommended, or other Goal 4 course.....3-5 cr

##### Goal 5 - History and Social and Behavioral Sciences

Discipline other than POLS..... 1 course

##### Goal 6 - Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

2 disciplines required, 3 recommended .....9 cr

##### Goal 7 - Human Diversity ..... 1 course

##### Goal 8\*\* - Global Perspective ..... 1 course

##### Goal 9\*\* - Ethic and Civic Responsibility ..... 1 course

##### Goal 10 - People and The Environment ..... 1 course

*Many courses from Goals 1 – 6 also meet Goal 7 – 10. Credits count only once. Students are advised to select MnTC courses with multiple goal assignments whenever possible.*

*\*Denotes Prerequisites*

*\*\*Denotes goal areas covered by Required Discipline Courses*

#### Fitness for Life (2 credits)

HLTH or PHED Fitness for Life course .....2-3 cr

#### Student Success (1-3 credits)

CCST 1550 Introduction to College (recommended) ..... 1 cr

**Electives** ..... As needed to total 60 credits

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 60 CREDITS

### Description

The Political Science Transfer Pathway offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Political Science bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities.\* The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field. \*Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University. Included in the Associate of Arts Degree is the MINNESOTA TRANSFER CURRICULUM which contains the minimum number of credits (40) needed to complete general education requirements at all public colleges and universities in the state of Minnesota.

### Outcomes

- Assess U.S. government institutions, employing a variety of political science perspectives.
- Assess U.S. government processes, employing a variety of political science perspectives.
- Assess U.S. political culture, employing a variety of political science perspectives.
- Reflect critically on one's own values as a citizen.
- Develop skills that enable participation in public life.

### Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions to graduate.

- College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0.
- Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in all Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) courses.