

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PRE-LAW (AS)

Associate of Science

Transfer Program







Interest Areas:

Soc. Sciences and Human Svcs.

The Associate of Science in Political Science and Pre-Law provides the equivalence of the first two years of study in for a Bachelor of Science in Political Science. Students are introduced to many of the various subfields of political science and the scope of the discipline. The Associate of Science program also serves as a foundation for further professional or academic study in pre-law, business and secondary teaching with an emphasis in social studies, public administration, international studies and other related social sciences. Undergraduate degrees in Political Science are often the path chosen by many seeking entrance into law school, though it should be noted that other disciplines can be equally successful. Please contact the Political Science Department for a list of potential careers in political science. Students are strongly encouraged to check with their undergraduate transfer institution for specific degree and coursework requirements. Completion of an Associate of Science degree meets the general core requirements at all Idaho public universities.

Program Website (https://www.nic.edu/programs/viewprogram.aspx?program_id=68)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
GEM 1	Written Communication	6
GEM 2	Oral Communication	3
GEM 3	Mathematical Ways of Knowing ¹	3-5
GEM 4	Scientific Ways of Knowing	8
GEM 5	Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing	6
GEM 6	Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing ²	3
GEM 7	Institutionally Designated	4-6
Program Requirements		
POLS-101	American National Government   	3
POLS-237	International Politics and Problems   	3
	Choose one additional Political Science course other than POLS-298.	3
Elective Requirements		
	Courses 100-level or higher	16-18
	Total Credits	60-64

¹ Specific math course should be tailored to the intended transfer institution.

² This General Education Requirement is partially met by the Program Requirements.

Course Key



GEM



WCHE



AAS
Institutionally
Designated



Gateway



Milestone

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- Explain the basics of the duties, powers and the institutions of American Government.
- Analyze and describe some of the power dimensions of politics; “who gets what, when and how.”
- Describe key concepts, theories and ideas utilized in basic political science, political philosophy and law.
- Explain key issues, concepts and the theories within international relations.
- Analyze the attributes of individual public policies and their consequences on society.
- Summarize scholarly articles, write a literature review and understand the basics of how political science research is carried out.
- Explain how to become more involved in their communities and understand why participation in politics is important.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.