

Course Sequencing		
Year	Quarter	Subject
First Year	Fall	ENGL& 101 (English Composition 1) POLS& 202 (American Government) PE (1 credit) HDEV 101 or 102 (Creating Academic Success OR College Connections) FYI 101 (First Year Introduction)
	Winter	MATH& 146 (Intro to Statistics) ECON& 202 (Macro Economics) OR ECON 110 (Economic Trends, Issues & Policy) HIST& 128 (World Civilizations 3)
	Spring	ENGL& 102 (English Composition 2) Natural Science with Lab PE (1 credit) Electives (5 credits); Choose from: POLS &201, &203, &204, 205, 104
Second Year	Fall	SOC &101 (Intro to Sociology) (OR SOC &201 (Social Problems) CMST& 101 (Intro to Communication Studies) ENVS& 101 (Intro to Environmental Science w/ Lab) PE (1 credit)
	Winter	Elective (10 credits); Choose from: POLS &201, &203, &204, 205, 104 Humanities A
	Spring	PHIL &101 (Intro to Philosophy) OR PHIL 131 (World Religions) Math & Natural Science Elective (3-4 credits)

The plan above is only a sample. If you want to see all of the courses we offer, please visit our online catalog [here!](#)

BEFORE YOU START

Ready to get started? To begin working towards the AA-DTA degree, you simply need to apply and be accepted to CBC. You can apply online at www.columbiabasin.edu.

OUT OF CLASS TO DO'S

- Contact your instructors and/or the CBC Career Services Center to find an internship, observation/shadowing experience, or a job in the field related to political science.
- Research transfer schools of interest with your Completion Coach.
- Visit the Academic Success Center for quiet study space, small group study, supplemental instruction and tutoring assistance.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Are you curious about the effects of globalization? Trends in climate change, civil rights and foreign policy? As a student studying Political Science at Columbia Basin College (CBC), you'll learn about the fundamental structures and functions of government and become empowered as a responsible, effective and informed participant in political communities. There are many reasons it may appeal to you such as:

You like learning about power.

Political science examines the institutional means through which scarce societal resources are allocated and the processes that make determinations regarding the moral fabric of community life.

Political Science is about choices and values.

It combines both normative and descriptive analyses: how power is distributed and for what values or purposes it should be employed.

Political Science is about government and citizenship.

This includes the study of the types and branches of government, means of representation, as well as issues of policy formation. Political Science contributes to good citizenship.

Political Science is about you.

Political Science encourages habits of mind that are vital for responsible public behavior, whether as a national or community leader, an informed voter, a petitioner or a simple observer.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Because Political Science provides a strong background in communication skills and public institutions and policy, it can lead to careers in many different fields and settings:

- Academia
- Business
- Civil service
- Data analysis (quantitative and qualitative)
- Foreign Service
- Journalism
- Law & law enforcement
- Legislative staff (local, state, federal)
- Lobbying
- Market Research Analysis
- Policy advocacy, analysis and research
- Politics, political consulting and campaigns
- Polling research
- Public opinion polling
- Public relations
- Teaching

FAQs

Class Times/Delivery Format

Classes are offered in a variety of formats, including in-person, online and hybrid.

Length of Program

Full-time students can complete the AA-DTA in two years.

Which Quarter Can I Begin?

You can begin any quarter!

Ultimately, anything that involves writing, thinking, analyzing or communicating can benefit from a degree in Political Science.

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID OR OTHER FUNDING

Please complete:

The FAFSA application: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides financial aid for U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens, such as permanent residents. Visit the [FAFSA website](#) to create your FSA ID and to complete your application.

OR

The WASFA application: The Washington Application for State Financial Aid (WASFA) is for DACA or HB 1079 undocumented students. Visit the [Washington Student Achievement Council website](#) to complete your WASFA application.

Did you know??? You can apply for CBC scholarships two times every year! Click [here](#) for more information!

PLEASE NOTE: This document represents a sample plan for degree completion with this program of study. Actual course selection and sequence may vary and should be discussed individually with your Completion Coach. Completion Coaches can also help you plan other experiences to enrich your education such as internships, research, learning communities, and campus involvement and community-based learning.

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 7 am to 4:30 pm; Friday 7 am to noon

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