

Associate of Arts DEGREE

Emphasis in Social Science/Public Affairs

Program Overview

The Associate of Arts Degree - Emphasis in Social Science/Public Affairs provides students with the opportunity to learn both the political science-based interpretation of public policy as well as the integration of other disciplines and fields that directly contribute to the management of public interest.

Career Opportunities

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Arts Degree – Emphasis in Social Science/Public Affairs will be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program in Social Science or Political Science. With a degree in political science you can work in a number of fields within the Government and Public Administration system such as compliance officers, operations managers, political scientists, and public relations specialists.

Program Outcomes

1. Apply knowledge of the important concepts and principles of the natural science, mathematics, history, social and behavioral sciences, arts, and humanities.
2. Develop skills necessary for life roles, including skills in thinking, communication and methods of inquiry and applications of knowledge.
3. Critically examine and develop an appreciation for diverse people, cultures, and life roles.
4. Develop oral and written communication skills to communicate with a wide range of diverse populations.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the fields of social science and public affairs and apply political theory to contemporary problems and issues.

Transfer Opportunities

Saint Paul College has a transfer articulation agreement between the following program and post-secondary institution for the baccalaureate degree program listed below.

For more information please go to saintpaul.edu/Transfer.

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BA	Social Science - Generalist Metropolitan State University
BA	Social Science - Political Science Metropolitan State University

Program Faculty

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Program Requirements

Check off when completed

Emphasis Requirements	Cr
<input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 1720 Ethics	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1720 Intro to American Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1750 Intro to Political Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/> POLS 1760 Intro to Political Philosophy	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Science Electives	8
Any MnTC Goal 5 course may be counted; however, the following are recommended: ECON 1720 Macroeconomics – 3 cr ECON 1730 Microeconomics – 3 cr POLS 1790 Special Topics in Political Science – 1-6 cr PSYC/SOCI 2720 Social Psychology – 4 cr SOCI 1720 Social Problems – 3 cr	
Emphasis Total	20

MnTC Requirements	Cr
Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Communication	9
ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr ENGL 1712 Composition 2 – 2 cr COMM 17XX – 3 cr	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 2: Critical Thinking	9
<i>Fulfilled when 10 goal areas (40 credits) are completed.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3 Natural Science	7
<i>Two courses from two different disciplines, one of which must be a lab course.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 4 : Mathematical/Logical Reasoning	3
<i>One course numbered between 1700-1799 or 2700-2799.</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 5: History, Social Science, and Behavioral Sciences	9
<i>Three courses from two different disciplines.</i> Emphasis courses POLS 1720 – 3 cr, POLS 1750 – 3 cr will count toward Goal 5. One additional non-POLS course is required.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 6: Humanities & Fine Arts	9
<i>Three courses from two different disciplines.</i> Emphasis course PHIL1720 – 3 cr will count toward Goal 6. Two additional courses are required.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Goal Areas 7-10 of the MnTC	40
<i>Select courses to meet all 10 Goal Areas</i>	
MnTC Requirements Total	40

Total Program Credits 60

If courses are counted in both the Emphasis Requirements and the MnTC Requirements students may need to complete additional classes to reach the 60 credit total.

Program Advisor

Pathway Advisors are the Academic Advisors for the Associate of Arts degree and are located in the Advising Center, Room 1340, Main Floor. For assistance or additional information, please call our Advising Center at 651.846.1739 or email: advising@saintpaul.edu

Additional Requirements

- At least 60 earned college-level credits (40 MnTC credits and 20 additional MnTC, pre-major or elective credits)
- A grade of "C" or better in ENGL1711
- Associate of Arts (AA) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Meet Saint Paul College residency requirement: 20 credits. This requirement may be reduced to 12 credits with transfer of at least 12 college-level credits from another Minnesota State College and University or the University of Minnesota.

Program Start Dates

Fall, Spring, Summer

Course Sequence

Students are allowed to take the courses in any order. However, all course prerequisites need to be followed. For specific suggestions, please speak with a Pathway Advisor or the program faculty. Students should consult with the Program Advisor each semester.

Not all courses are offered each semester; a selection of courses is offered summer term.

Minimum Program Entry Requirements

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

Reading: Score of 78+ or grade of "C" or better in READ 0722

Writing: Score of 78+ on Reading Comprehension or grade of 'C" or better in ENGL 0922

Arithmetic: Score of 20+

Assessment Results and Prerequisites: Students admitted into Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

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