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.

Program Requirements Guide 2019 - 2020

Associate of Arts DEGREE
Emphasis in Social Science/Public Affairs

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Program Requirements
☐ Check off when completed
Emphasis Requirements Cr
☐ PHIL 1720 Ethics ................................. 3
☐ POLS 1720 Intro to American Government 3
☐ POLS 1750 Intro to Political Science ........ 3
☐ POLS 1760 Intro to Political Philosophy .... 3
☐ 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
PSYCO/SCI 2720 Social Psychology – 4 cr
SOCI 1720 Social Problems – 3 cr
Emphasis Total. .......................... 20

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

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.