SOCIAL SCIENCE TRANSFER, POLITICAL SCIENCE BA - ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (RIC)

RPOL

This program constitutes a JAA transfer program to RIC. Students completing a JAA plan receive an Associate's degree and enter the receiving institution with 60 credits and Junior status. Students must complete all requirements as given. Depending on GPA, students receive a tuition discount of up to 30% at the receiving institution, a waived application fee, and personalized advising.

This program is designed to prepare students to transfer successfully to the political science BA at RIC. This AA encourages students to develop critical thinking, analytic problem solving, and communication skills. The program employs qualitative and/or quantitative methodologies to study political philosophy, political theory, political institutions and processes, and political behavior in American, comparative, and international contexts. Students interested in law, public policy, civil liberties and civil rights, political parties and interest groups, campaigns and elections, the mass media, and international conflict and cooperation should consider this AA program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

1. Create written work that develops and expresses ideas and that addresses a given context and target audience.
2. Communicate effectively via oral presentations, performances, participation in group work, and visual presentations.
3. Identify, analyze, and apply evidence and ideas, question assumptions, and draw logical conclusions.
4. Develop information literacy by locating, evaluating, synthesizing, and using information to accomplish a specific purpose.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of and apply scientific or quantitative principles, theories, and methods.
6. Apply quantitative principles to solve problems and support arguments with quantitative evidence in a variety of formats (e.g. words, tables, graphs, equations, etc.).
7. Demonstrate an understanding of global, cultural and historical perspectives.
8. Function effectively in social and professional environments and make reasoned decisions based on ethical standards, self-awareness, and personal responsibility.
9. Utilize discipline-specific theories and concepts to analyze data, texts, and issues at a level appropriate for a 2-year college student.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
COMM 1010	Communication Fundamentals^ HUMN; Non-Written Communication; Social and Professional Responsibilities	3
ENGL 1010	Composition I (or ENGL 1010A) HUMN; Written Communication; Information Literacy	3
	General Education Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/courses-approved-general-education-credits/)	3
	Lab Science Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#labscigened/) MSCI	4
	Mathematics Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#mathgened/) MSCI	3
POLS 1010	American Government and Politics SSCI; Critical Thinking; Social and Professional Responsibilities	3
POLS 2010	International Relations SSCI; Critical Thinking; Diverse Perspectives	3
Choose ONE of the following:		3
	Art Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#artgened/) HUMN	
	Music Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#muscgened/) HUMN	
	Theatre Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#theagened/) HUMN	
Choose ONE of the following:		3
	History Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#histgened/) SSCI	
	Philosophy Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/course-descriptions/phil/) HUMN	
Choose ONE of the following:		3
	Literature Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/) HUMN	
	World Languages Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#langgened/) HUMN	
Subtotal General Education		31
Major Requirements		
CJUS 1020	Criminal Procedure^	3
LAWS 2000	Constitutional Law	3
LAWS 2030	Criminal Law and the Constitution	3
POLS 1030	State and Local Government	3
POLS 2040	American Political Parties	3
Free Elective		3
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Subtotal Major Requirements		30
Total Hours		**61**

^ Work-based learning course

Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
POLS 1010	American Government and Politics	3

COMM 1010	Communication Fundamentals^	3
Choose ONE of the following:		3
	Art Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#artgened/)	
	Music Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#muscgened/)	
	Theatre Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#theagened/)	
Free Elective		3
	Hours	**15**
Semester 2		
CJUS 1020	Criminal Procedure^	3
POLS 2010	International Relations	3
Free Elective		3
General Education Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/courses-approved-general-education-credits/)		3
Mathematics Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#mathgened/)		3
	Hours	**15**
Year 2		
Semester 1		
POLS 1030	State and Local Government	3
POLS 2040	American Political Parties	3
Choose ONE of the following:		3
	History Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#histgened/)	
	Philosophy Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/course-descriptions/phil/)	
Free Elective		3
Lab Science Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#labscigened/)		4
	Hours	**16**
Semester 2		
LAWS 2000	Constitutional Law	3
LAWS 2030	Criminal Law and the Constitution	3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Choose ONE of the following:		3
	Literature Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#litgened/)	
	World Languages Elective (https://catalog.ccri.edu/academic-information/general-education/course-attributes/#langgened/)	
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours	**61**

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Transfer

This program at CCRI is a part of the Joint Admissons Agreement (JAA). JAA helps students transfer seamlessly to Rhode Island College (RIC) or the University of Rhode Island (URI). Students who are eligible for the JAA program have earned less than 30 college credits at the time of joining and have not attended any other college or university.

JAA graduates are guaranteed admissions to either RIC or URI, have personalized advising by a caseload advisor, enter with Junior status at RIC or URI, and are eligible for a tuition discount up to 30% based on GPA.

Please meet with an Academic Advisor/Student Success Coach to help you select the courses that best prepare you for transfer to RIC or URI. For more information, please visit Joint Admissions Agreement (https://ccri.edu/jaa/) or the Transfer Center (https://ccri.edu/onestop/transfer_center/).