

# Northern Virginia Community College & West Virginia University

Associate of Science – Social Science leading to  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (WVU-BA)  
Suggested Plan of Study

Northern Virginia Community College	Cr Hrs	WVU Equivalents	Cr Hrs
<b>Year One, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>			
ENG 111	3	ENGL 101	3
HISTORY ELECTIVE	3	GEF 7	3
MTH 152	3	MATH 121	3
PLS 120	3	POLS 000	3
PLS 135	3	POLS 102	3
SDV 100	1	ORIN 000	1
TOTAL	16		16
<b>Year One, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>			
ENG 112	3	ENGL 102	3
ITE 115	3	CS 101	3
MTH 241	3	STAT 211	3
PHYSICAL/ NATURAL SCI	4	GEF 2B	4
PLS 241	3	POLS 260	3
TOTAL	16		16
<b>Year Two, 1<sup>st</sup> Semester</b>			
PED 116	1	PE 000	1
HUM/ARTS	3	GEF 6	3
PHYSICAL/ NATURAL SCI	4	ELECTIVE	4
PLS 136	3	POLS 220	3
*PSY 201/SOC 200/211	3	PSYC 101/SOCA 101/105	3
TOTAL	14		14
<b>Year Two, 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester</b>			
PBS 100	3	POLS 240	3
HUM/ARTS	3	ELECTIVE	3
PLS 140	3	POLS 250	3
*PSY 201/SOC 200/211	3	PSYC 101/SOCA 101/105	3
CST 110	3	COMM 104	3
TOTAL	15		15

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Year Three, 1st Semester		Year Three, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
FOR LANG 101	3	FOR LANG 102	3
POLS 300	3	POLS 270/271	3
AOE	3	AOE	3
AOE	3	AOE/MINOR	3
AOE/MINOR	3	AOE/MINOR	3
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15
Year Four, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester		Year Four, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	
FOR LANG 203	3	FOR LANG 204	3
AOE	3	CAPSTONE	3
AOE/MINOR	3	AOE	3
AOE/MINOR	3	AOE	3
ELECTIVE	2	AOE	3
TOTAL	14	TOTAL	15

Students seeking admission into the Political Science program at WVU must have completed 6 credits from POLS 102, 230 or 240, 250, 260, 270 with a GPA of 2.5 or 9 hours from the same list with a GPA of 2.3.

The Political Science major at WVU requires students to select an Area of Emphasis (AOE) within the department. Students may select an Area of Emphasis in General Area of Emphasis; American Politics and Policy; Pre-Law and Legal Studies; Government and Business; or International Relations. The above suggested plan of coursework is for the General Area of Emphasis. Depending on the chosen AOE, credits allotted for AOE coursework may be replaced with electives as several required courses at NOVA complete various AOE requirements.

\*Students should select two courses from these 3 Social Science electives in order to make all AOE's viable within the 120 credit hour standard.

Political Science students are required to select a formal minor (unless they are in the Pre-Law/Legal Studies or Government and Business Areas of Emphasis). A minor generally consists of 15 credit hours, 9 of which must typically be at the 300 level or above. Students may begin completion of minors in fields which NOVA offers equivalent courses at the introductory level. Students who chose not to begin their minor at NOVA, or chose a minor for which no courses are offered at NOVA, will need to utilize Area of Emphasis credits within their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year to complete those requirements. Courses completed towards the minor at NOVA will allow for elective hours at WVU. Common minors include History, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, etc. Please consult the WVU catalog for specific requirements of your desired minor. For a complete list of the over 100 minors offered at WVU, please visit <http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/#minorsofferedtext>.

The WVU General Education Foundations curriculum (GEF) includes eight areas (F1-F8). F1 (Composition and Rhetoric), F2 (Science & Technology), and F3 (Mathematics & Quantitative Skills) are specified above. These 3 Areas will be fulfilled by General Education requirements at Northern Virginia. Students must also complete 3 credit hours from each of the GEF Areas 4 through 7, and are encouraged to study the provided GEF chart to select electives that satisfy these requirements. By using the suggested plan of study above, students are able to fulfill this requirement prior to graduation from Northern Virginia Community College. Students not completing this requirement at NOVA will need to utilize ELECTIVE credit at WVU to do so.

The WVU GEF curriculum also includes 9 credits (normally 3 three-credit courses) of Focus coursework (F8), to help students capitalize on the range and diversity of courses offered at WVU. In order to maximize connections, incorporate additional competencies, and encourage true breadth of study, students must fulfill the Focus through completion of one of the following academic paths: (a) completion of a minor; (b) completion of a double major or dual degree, or (c) completion of 9 credits of additional coursework from the list of courses approved for GEF Areas F1 through F7. Northern Virginia students in this pathway will meet this requirement with completion of ITE 115, MTH 241, and any chosen AOE at WVU.

Students who have questions about admission into their intended program, GEF requirements, GEF Focus courses, Areas of Emphasis, minors, or any other issue relating to academics at West Virginia University should contact the Office of Undergraduate Education at WVU.

The above transfer articulation of credit between West Virginia University and Northern Virginia Community College, is approved by the Dean, or the Dean's designee, and effective the date of the signature.

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date