

# Political Science (504)

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

### About Our Program

The program provides a thorough introduction to all fields of political science. Emphasis is placed on governing systems, local and state government, public policy, the electoral process, foreign policy, and international relations. Opportunities are provided for participation in political campaigns. This program is designed for the student intending to pursue a baccalaureate degree in political science.

### Nature of Work and Employment

Baccalaureate-degree political science majors typically are employed in private-sector management and public-sector positions on the local, state, and national levels. A growing number of interest groups and foundations are employing more political science majors. The field also serves as preparation for a pre-law major.

### Special Considerations

The listed coursework is a recommendation only. Students should check with a student advisor for HCC graduation requirements and specific university requirements in this major. Students must meet with an advisor to ensure that the special requirements of the department and institution to which they plan to transfer are met. Political Science majors are strongly encouraged to include a foreign language as part of their program of study. Colleges and universities have specific requirements for transfer students.

### Program Contacts

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Sammy Ahmed, History/Political Science Faculty
- Beth Groshans, Student Advisor
- Jim Phillips, Dean, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts

### Recommended Courses

The following are recommended courses for this major. Students must still meet all requirements for the Associate of Arts degree (see page 56) in order to graduate from Highland Community College. It is suggested that students who major in political science concentrate on at least one foreign language because many four-year colleges and universities require a proficiency in one foreign language to graduate with a B.A. degree. For more information, please see your student advisor.

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