**Liberal Arts: Political Science**  
Associate in Arts

**DIVISION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES**

This interdisciplinary program explores political issues and controversies along historical, cultural, and sociological dimensions. Students are challenged to examine the relationship between national and global structures from a variety of social and political frameworks.

This program is eligible for MassTransfer and prepares students to continue into bachelor’s degree programs in many disciplines including Political Science, Law and Legal Studies, History, Sociology, and Public Policy.

Upon successful completion, the Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts: Political Science is awarded.

**PROGRAM FOOTNOTES**

**History Elective:** Students are strongly encouraged to take one of the following History sequences for their two History Electives:

- HS 101 Western Civilization I & HS 102 Western Civilization II, HS 103 World Civilization I & HS 104 World Civilization II, HS 105 United States History to 1877 & HS 106 United States History Since 1877

**Humanities Electives:** Art, Communication, English (EN 103 or higher), ESL (ES 100 or higher; up to 6 credits), Film, Foreign Language, Humanities, Literature, Music, Oral Communication, Philosophy, Photography, Sign Language, or Theater Arts

**Laboratory Science Elective:**  

**Program Electives:**  
Any Government, History, Law, Geography or Foreign Language Course at the College or:

EC 201 Macroeconomics, HU 105 Exploring World Religions, PH 102 Philosophy: Ethics, PS 250 Research Methods,

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**COURSE** | **COURSE TITLE** | **CREDITS**
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**First Year** | **Semester 1** |  
EN 101 | English Composition I | 3  
History Elective | 3  
CT 100 * | Critical Thinking | 3  
LA 230 | Law and Society | 3  
GV 101 | American Government | 3  
**credits:** | **15**

**First Year** | **Semester 2** |  
EN 102 | English Composition II | 3  
History Elective | 3  
GV 103 | State and Local Government | 3  
CS 100* | Computers and Technology | 3  
MA 105 | Introduction to Statistics | 3  
**credits:** | **15**

**Second Year** | **Semester 1** |  
Laboratory Science Elective | 4  
GV202 | Comparative Government and Politics | 3  
Program Elective | 3  
Program Elective | 3  
CO 103 | Intercultural Communications | 3  
**credits:** | **16**

**Second Year** | **Semester 2** |  
Science Elective | 3/4  
Humanities Elective | 3  
GV210 | Introduction to International Relations | 3  
Program Elective | 3  
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**credits:** | **15/16**

**Total Credits:** 61/62

* Student may meet this requirement by successfully passing a challenge exam.

SO 101 Introduction to Sociology, SO 115 Social Problems or SO 203 Race and Ethnic Relations

**Science Elective:**  
Any 3 or 4 credit Science course at the College.

The program qualifies for MassTransfer with select public Institutions in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.mass.edu/masstransfer.