

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Overview

Degrees Offered: AA

Program Begins: Fall, Spring, Summer

Delivery Method: Online, On Campus

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Description

The Political Science pathway at BSC provides basic courses for the political science major that are designed to help all students gain knowledge and understanding of politics and political events on all levels of government. Much of a political scientist's work is research-oriented, conducting public opinion surveys, analyzing election data, or comparing principle features of tax or welfare program proposals. The study of political science is an excellent background for law, foreign affairs, government service, politics, journalism and related fields.

Preparation

Personal characteristics political scientists should possess are strong analytical skills, the ability to think objectively and independently, and ability to communicate well in speaking and writing.

Requirements

Students may complete the first two years of study toward a bachelor's degree in political science by following the suggested curriculum. Those who complete the requirements earn an Associate in Arts degree.

Bismarck State College has many cooperative, articulation, or transfer agreements with postsecondary institutions both inside and outside of the North Dakota University System. Some of these agreements are established to allow students to remain on campus as they complete their bachelor's degree. In all cases, students seeking to transfer after completing a degree at BSC should consult the academic catalog of their destination college and work with their academic advisor to plan for this transition.

Career Opportunities

Opportunities include: administrative positions in government, non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations, research institutes, labor unions, or business firms, and teaching in colleges and universities.

Degree Plans

- Political Science Associate in Arts