



## Baccalaureate Degree Plan

NCCCS Associate in Arts **or** Associate in Science  
*transfer to*  
East Carolina University, **BS POLITICAL SCIENCE**

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As a transfer student, it is important to contact an ECU Academic Advisor, [thcasadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:thcasadvising@ecu.edu), as soon as possible.

*An example of how to plan your first 2 years of the traditional 4 years of study is included at the end of this document. However, depending on when you transfer and how many recommended courses you take at the community college, it may take longer than 4 years to complete any degree at ECU.*

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### Recommended courses to take at a North Carolina Community College

ENG 111  
ENG 112

HEA 110  
MAT 143 or 171

POL 120  
POL 210  
POL 220

- Other courses to complete an AA or AS are student's choice; no other current department recommendations. Other equivalent courses may be listed in the degree requirements.
- Completion of an approved NCCCS AA or AS waives the General Education requirement. For more information about the waiver, [click here](#).
- For more information about General Education Core Requirements at ECU, and a list of specific course options, click [here](#).
- You do not have to complete all NCCCS equivalents or recommended courses before transferring. However, taking minimal recommendations may prolong your time to degree at ECU.

## Degree Requirements

### General Education Core Requirements

*40 semester hours credit required; completion of an approved AA or AS waives this requirement.*

Competency	Semester Hour Credits Required	Notes
Written Communication	6	<i>ENG 111 and ENG 112 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>
Humanities & Fine Arts	9	<i>At least one class should be labeled as Humanities (HU) and one should be labeled as Fine Arts (FA).</i>
Social Sciences	9	<i>NCCCS HIS courses are not considered a social science at ECU.</i>
Natural Sciences	7	<i>One course must include a lab.</i>
Mathematics	3	<i>Choose MAT 143 or 171.</i>
Health Promotion and Health-Related Physical Activity	3	<i>HEA 110 should be taken at the community college to satisfy this competency.</i>

<b>Core</b>	<p>Complete 21 hours.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"> POLS 1010 - National Government  POLS 2010 - Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics  POLS 2020 - Introduction to International Relations    POLS 2090 - Writing for Political Science <b>or</b>  POLS 2091 – Legal Writing    POLS 3031 - Research Design for Political Science  POLS 3032 – Statistical Methods for Political Science    Choose 3 s.h. from:    POLS 2070 - Introduction to Political Theory  POLS 3008 - Topics in Political Theory  POLS 3050 - Theory and Politics of Social and Protest Movements in the United States </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>NCCCS Equivalents</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>POL 120 POL 210</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>POL 220</i></p>
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<b>Restricted Electives or Pre-Law Concentration</b>	<i>Choose Restricted Electives or Pre-Law Concentration.</i>	
<b>Restricted Electives</b>	<p>Complete 33 hours.</p> <p><u>American politics, campaigns and elections (6 s.h.)</u></p> <p>Choose 2 courses from the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">POLS 3006 - Topics in American Politics</p>	

POLS 3033 - Voting Behavior and Public Opinion  
POLS 3035 - American Political Parties and Politics  
POLS 3037 - Campaigns and Elections  
POLS 3038 - Public Opinion Polling  
POLS 3039 - Black Politics in America  
POLS 3040 - Women in Politics  
POLS 3045 - Humor and American Politics  
POLS 3090 - Religion and American Politics  
POLS 3202 - The American Legislature  
POLS 3203 - The American Executive  
POLS 3241 - Urban Political Systems  
POLS 3244 - North Carolina Politics  
POLS 4310 - Public Policy and the Media  
POLS 4321 - Contemporary Southern Politics

Comparative government and international relations (6 s.h.)

Choose 2 courses from the following:

POLS 3007 - Topics in International Relations and Comparative Politics

POLS 3140 - Politics of Globalization  
POLS 3144 - American Foreign Policy  
POLS 3155 - National Security Policy  
POLS 3180 - The US Intelligence Community  
POLS 3232 - The European Union  
POLS 3233 - Visegrad in the 21st Century  
POLS 3234 - West European Political Systems  
POLS 3236 - Russian Politics  
POLS 3260 - Middle Eastern Political Systems  
POLS 3265 - African Political Systems  
POLS 3290 - Conflict and Peace in the Post-Cold War Era  
POLS 3291 - Politics of Genocide in the Twentieth Century  
POLS 3293 - International Organizations  
POLS 3295 - International Law  
POLS 3297 - International Political Economy  
POLS 4360 - Politics of Developing Areas  
POLS 4382 - Politics of Terrorism  
POLS 4383 - War in the Modern Age

Public Administration and Policy (6 s.h.)

Choose 2 courses from the following:

POLS 3009 - Topics in Public Administration and Public Policy  
POLS 3041 - Women and Public Policy  
POLS 3240 - State and Local Government  
POLS 3242 - Municipal Policy and Administration  
POLS 3252 - Public Administration  
POLS 3253 - Government Fiscal Administration  
POLS 3255 - Domestic Public Policy

POLS electives (15 s.h.)

Choose 5 POLS courses above 2999.

<b>Pre-Law Concentration</b>	<p>(A minimum 2.5 GPA is required to be accepted into this concentration. Pre-law students are required to complete program core courses.)</p> <p><u>Required concentration courses (12 s.h.)</u></p> <p>POLS 3204 - The American Judiciary  POLS 3223 - Constitutional Powers  POLS 3224 - Civil Liberties  POLS 4175 - Legal Negotiation and Analysis</p> <p><u>Restricted electives (12 s.h.)</u></p> <p>Choose 4 courses from the following (at least 2 courses must be above 2999):</p> <p>CLAS 1300 - Greek and Latin for Vocabulary Building  HIST 3010 - Constitutional History of the United States to 1888  HIST 3011 - Constitutional History of the United States Since 1888  PHIL 1180 - Introduction to Critical Reasoning  PHIL 1500 - Introduction to Logic  PHIL 2282 - Philosophy of Law  PHIL 4270 - Ethics  PHIL 4276 - Social and Political Philosophy  POLS 3205 - The US Supreme Court  SOC1 4320 - Sociology of Law  SOC1 4322 - Law and Social Change</p> <p>POLS electives (9 s.h.)</p> <p>Choose 3 POLS courses above 2999.</p>	<p><i>NCCCS Equivalents</i></p> <p><i>HUM 115 or PHI 230</i></p>
<b>Minor or Second Major</b>	<p>Complete a minor or second major and any electives needed for graduation requirements.</p>	

## Potential 2 Year Map for BS Political Science

An example of courses to take at your community college.

### First Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 111	ENGL 1100
SPA 111	SPAN 1001
MAT 143 or 171	MATH 1050 or 1065
HEA 110	HLTH 1000/KINE 1000
ACA 122	COAD 1XXX (elective credit)

### Second Semester at NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
ENG 112	ENGL 2201
POL 120	POLS 1010
Humanities/Fine Arts Course	
SPA 112	SPAN 1002
Natural Science course	

### Third Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
Humanities/Fine Arts course	
POL 210	POLS 2010
Social Behavioral Science course	
SPA 211	SPAN 2003
Elective course	

### Fourth Semester at a NCCCS Institution

NCCCS Course	ECU Transfer Equivalent
SPA 212	SPAN 2004
POL 220	POLS 2020
Humanities/Fine Arts course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Math course	
Social Behavioral Science course or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Natural Science course	
Elective course	

- Schedule at ECU will depend on courses completed at the community college and semester of entry (fall or spring).
- You should email [thcasadvising@ecu.edu](mailto:thcasadvising@ecu.edu) as soon as possible for more specialized advising.
- This schedule is dependent on taking full-time course loads; however, it may not be realistic to take a full-time course load if you are working full-time or part-time, are a caregiver, or have other obligations.  
**Ask your advisor how you can be most successful.**