

**SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC SERVICE**

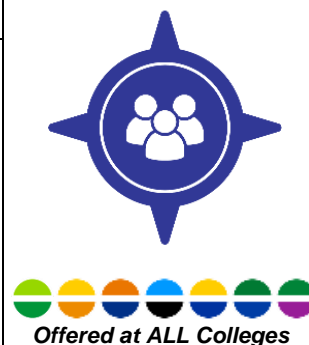
**GUIDED PATHWAY: GOVERNMENT**

For more information, visit [www.dcccd.edu/gov](http://www.dcccd.edu/gov) and your academic advisor at your college.

The guided pathway in Government combines Government, Philosophy, and core courses to complete the associate degree. An Associate of Arts (AA) degree in this pathway prepares you to transfer to a university to earn a bachelor's degree in Political Science that opens the door to careers in Non-profit organizations, political campaigns, community organizing, and can prepare you for Law School.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in Government. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an AA degree <sup>ii</sup>, which will increase your chances of transfer to bachelor's-level programs. Courses that complete the Degree (D) are noted below. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

Visit [www.dcccd.edu/TransferServices](http://www.dcccd.edu/TransferServices) to view the Top 15 colleges and universities to which students at the colleges of DCCCD transfer. Visit with your academic advisor to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.



**COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS**

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

**READING & WRITING PLACEMENT**

TSI READING MET:  YES  NO  
TSI WRITING MET:  YES  NO

**MATH PLACEMENT**

TSI MATH MET:  YES  NO

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY:  YES  NO

IF TSI OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY NOT MET, INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

DREA / DWRI / DIRW (CIRCLE ONE)

DMAT \_\_\_\_\_

ESOL \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

**SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS <sup>iii</sup>**  
**ALL MAPS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS**

D	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>ENGL 1301</b> – Composition I <sup>iv</sup> (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals by the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> At the end of the semester, begin research on colleges and universities where you would want to major in Political Science. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a degree in Political Science.
♦	<b>HIST 1301</b> – United States History I (core course)	
♦	<b>MATH 1342</b> – Elementary Statistical Methods <sup>iv</sup> <sup>v</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>EDUC 1300</b> – Learning Framework <sup>vi</sup>	
♦	<b>Choose One:</b> <b>ARTS 1301</b> – Art Appreciation <sup>v</sup> (core course) <b>DANC 2303</b> – Dance Appreciation <sup>v</sup> (core course) <b>DRAM 1310</b> – Introduction to Theater <sup>v</sup> (core course) <b>HUMA 1315</b> – Fine Arts Appreciation <sup>v</sup> (core course) <b>MUSI 1306</b> – Music Appreciation <sup>v</sup> (core course)	
	<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15</b>	

D	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>ENGL 1302</b> – Composition II (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to file an official degree plan, confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask about transfer advising to discuss options to pursue the bachelor's degree.
♦	<b>HIST 1302</b> – United States History II <sup>v</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>GOVT 2304</b> – Introduction to Political Science <sup>v</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>SPCH 1315</b> – Public Speaking <sup>v</sup> (core course)	
♦	<b>PHED 1164</b> – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness (core course)	
	<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 13</b>	

D	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>GOVT 2305</b> – Federal Government (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying to your top choice universities. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships o You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. (i.e., in October 2019, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at a college or university Fall 2020) <input type="checkbox"/> Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.
♦	<b>X4XX Core Science Elective <sup>v</sup></b> (core course)	
♦	<b>Elective (3 hours) <sup>vii</sup></b>	
♦	<b>GOVT 2311</b> – Mexican-American Politics <sup>v</sup>	
♦	<b>PHIL 2307</b> – Introduction to Social & Political Philosophy <sup>v</sup> (core course)	
	<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16</b>	

D	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
♦	<b>GOVT 2306</b> – Texas Government (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> After reviewing your final program of study, apply for graduation. a. Meet with your advisor to apply for the Associate of Arts degree. b. Sign up for commencement. <input type="checkbox"/> Request final transcripts to be sent to the college or university to where you will transfer. <input type="checkbox"/> Join the <a href="#">Alumni Network!</a>
♦	<b>X4XX Core Science Elective <sup>v</sup></b> (core course)	
♦	<b>PHIL 2303</b> – Introduction to Formal Logic <sup>v</sup>	
♦	<b>Elective (3 hours) <sup>vii</sup></b>	
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	<b>TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16</b>	

**AA DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS | PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

<sup>i</sup> Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

<sup>ii</sup> Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by one of the seven DCCCD colleges awarding the degree.

<sup>iii</sup> This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

<sup>iv</sup> You must earn a grade of "C" or better in English 1301 and the selected college-level mathematics course and receive a GPA of at least 2.00 on all college-level course work.

<sup>v</sup> There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

<sup>vi</sup> All college students with fewer than 12 credit hours of successful college credit (grade of "C" or above) must take a student success course in the first semester.

<sup>vii</sup> Elective courses should be selected according to the intended university you will transfer to. See your academic advisor for assistance with course selection.