# Northern Virginia Community College & West Virginia University

**Associate of Science – Social Science leading to Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (WVU-BA)**

**Suggested Plan of Study**

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Students seeking admission into the Political Science program at WVU must have completed 6 credits from POLS 102, 230 or 240, 250, 260, 270 with a GPA of 2.5 or 9 hours from the same list with a GPA of 2.3.

The Political Science major at WVU requires students to select an Area of Emphasis (AOE) within the department. Students may select an Area of Emphasis in General Area of Emphasis; American Politics and Policy; Pre-Law and Legal Studies; Government and Business; or International Relations. The above suggested plan of coursework is for the General Area of Emphasis. Depending on the chosen AOE, credits allotted for AOE coursework may be replaced with electives as several required courses at NOVA complete various AOE requirements.

*Students should select two courses from these 3 Social Science electives in order to make all AOE viable within the 120 credit hour standard.

Political Science students are required to select a formal minor (unless they are in the Pre-Law/Legal Studies or Government and Business Areas of Emphasis). A minor generally consists of 15 credit hours, 9 of which must typically be at the 300 level or above. Students may begin completion of minors in fields which NOVA offers equivalent courses at the introductory level. Students who chose not to begin their minor at NOVA, or chose a minor for which no courses are offered at NOVA, will need to utilize Area of Emphasis credits within their 3rd and 4th year to complete those requirements. Courses completed towards the minor at NOVA will allow for elective hours at WVU. Common minors include History, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy, etc.

Please consult the WVU catalog for specific requirements of your desired minor. For a complete list of the over 100 minors offered at WVU, please visit [http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/#minorofferedtext](http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/minors/#minorofferedtext).
The WVU General Education Foundations curriculum (GEF) includes eight areas (F1-F8). F1 (Composition and Rhetoric), F2 (Science & Technology), and F3 (Mathematics & Quantitative Skills) are specified above. These 3 Areas will be fulfilled by General Education requirements at Northern Virginia. Students must also complete 3 credit hours from each of the GEF Areas 4 through 7, and are encouraged to study the provided GEF chart to select electives that satisfy these requirements. By using the suggested plan of study above, students are able to fulfill this requirement prior to graduation from Northern Virginia Community College. Students not completing this requirement at NOVA will need to utilize ELECTIVE credit at WVU to do so.

The WVU GEF curriculum also includes 9 credits (normally 3 three-credit courses) of Focus coursework (F8), to help students capitalize on the range and diversity of courses offered at WVU. In order to maximize connections, incorporate additional competencies, and encourage true breadth of study, students must fulfill the Focus through completion of one of the following academic paths: (a) completion of a minor; (b) completion of a double major or dual degree, or (c) completion of 9 credits of additional coursework from the list of courses approved for GEF Areas F1 through F7. Northern Virginia students in this pathway will meet this requirement with completion of ITE 115, MTH 241, and any chosen AOE at WVU.

Students who have questions about admission into their intended program, GEF requirements, GEF Focus courses, Areas of Emphasis, minors, or any other issue relating to academics at West Virginia University should contact the Office of Undergraduate Education at WVU.

The above transfer articulation of credit between West Virginia University and Northern Virginia Community College, is approved by the Dean, or the Dean's designee, and effective the date of the signature.

Joan Gorham  
Print Name

Signature  
Date

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