**ANOKA-RAMSEY**
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A member of Minnesota State

2019-2020
**Political Science Transfer Pathway**
Associate of Arts (AA) Degree

## Program Description

The Political Science Transfer Pathway Associate of Arts (AA) degree program offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Political Science bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

## Minnesota State Universities - Designated Degrees

- Bemidji State University: Political Science BA
- Metropolitan State University: Social Science BA
- Minnesota State University, Mankato: Political Science BS
- Minnesota State University, Moorhead: Political Science BA
- Southwest Minnesota State University: Political Science BA
- St. Cloud State University: Political Science BA
- Winona State University: Political Science (minor required) BA

## Program Goals

By completing this program, students will achieve the following learning goals:

1. Knowledge Base: Students should be able to demonstrate fundamental knowledge and comprehension of the major concepts and institutions fundamental to the field of political science;
2. Critical Thinking: Students should be able to demonstrate scientific reasoning and problem solving needed to investigate the field of political science;
3. Ethical and Civic Responsibility: Students should be able to recognize the importance of civic virtue, and understand their ability to have an impact on their community, nation, and the world; and
4. Global Awareness: Students should be able to explain how the international/global system works.

## Required Courses: 60 Total Credits

- ☐ POLS 1111    American Politics and Government......................... 3
- ☐ POLS 1121    State and Local Politics and Government.............. 3
- ☐ POLS 1131    World Politics......................................................... 3

Complete at least 40 credits in courses from the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), including all courses listed. You must complete all ten goal areas and maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for the entire MnTC. One course may satisfy more than one goal area, but the course credits may be counted only once.

- ☐ 1. Communication
  - ☐ ENGL 1120♦ **OR** ENGL 1121♦ .................................... 4
    *(A writing course in APA Style is recommended)*
  - ☐ CMST 1110 **OR** CMST 2220.......................................... 3
- ☐ 2. Critical Thinking
- ☐ 3. Natural Science
- ☐ 4. Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
  (MATH 1114♦ *is highly recommended*)
- ☐ 5. History/Social/Behavioral Sciences
- ☐ 6. Humanities/Fine Arts
- ☐ 7. Human Diversity
- ☐ 8. Global Perspective
- ☐ 9. Ethical/Civic Responsibility
- ☐ 10. People and the Environment

- ☐ Choose any HPER course(s) totaling at least three credits................ 3

## Pathway Plan

Classes are scheduled for full-time students to complete in two years; part-time students will need more time. For assistance with pathway planning, students should schedule an appointment with an academic advisor. See also the college catalog Appendix for course offering information.

## Degree Specifics

- A minimum of 60 semester credits in courses numbered 1000 or above.
- A minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in courses numbered 1000 or above at ARCC.
- Some students may need preparatory courses in the areas of English, mathematics or reading. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward this degree.
- Satisfy residency requirements.
- A minimum grade of C must be earned in all program requirements.
- Completion of specific degree requirements.
- Each state university has specific program requirements for completion. Please speak with your advisor about requirements at receiving institutions.
- To receive your diploma, you must apply to graduate.
- The requirements of this program are subject to change without notice.

♦ *Course has prerequisite - see course schedule or catalog description.*
^ *Course requires Instructor permission.*

NOTE: You are encouraged to contact an academic advisor at 763-433-1230 for course planning assistance and information about transfer credit evaluation and transfer options.