



SMART CHOICE

College of Liberal Arts (COLA)

Political Science (AA Political Science – BA Political Science) (Tahlequah)

NSU Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: The Political Science program at Northeastern State University offers a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. This program is offered on NSU's Tahlequah campus, although some courses are taught online or on the Broken Arrow campus. In addition to offering core courses and electives in American Institutions, American Politics, Public Administration, Constitutional Law, International Relations, Comparative Politics and Political Theory, the program offers internship opportunities in Washington, D.C., Tulsa, and in the local community. Students also have the opportunity to participate in two outstanding co-curricular organizations: Model United Nations (MUN) and Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislature (OIL).

Major Guidelines / Regulations: For admission to the BA program, students must have completed ENGL 1113, ENGL 1213 with a grade of "C" or better; completed MATH 1513 with a grade of "C" or better or score 23 or higher on the Math ACT; satisfied the university's computer proficiency requirement; and achieved an overall GPA of 2.25 or higher. Students must achieve an overall GPA of 2.25 or higher. Students enrolled in classes offered by the COLA are expected to behave according to those Standards of Professional Behavior, found on the COLA website. Graduation with the BA degree requires that all core and major classes must be completed with a "C" or better and that 21 (of 42) credits in the BA core must be earned at NSU.

What it takes to complete a BA in Political Science from NSU. If you don't complete your A.A. or A.S. at TCC, you will need to meet NSU's specific general education requirements. You must complete at least 124 hours to earn a bachelor's degree. Of those hours, 60 must be from a university (four-year school; 30-hours required from NSU), 40 must be junior and senior (3000/4000) level, and half of the hours (50%) in your major must be from NSU. You must also be both English and computer proficient. This means that you must pass ENGL 1113 Composition I and ENGL 1213 Composition II with a "C" or better and pass the designated computer proficiency class if needed. Therefore, when you transfer to NSU, you will likely need around 60 more hours to earn your bachelor's degree.

Transferring to NSU is a seamless process. Although you can transfer to NSU at any time in your academic career, the smoothest transition occurs if you have earned or will earn an A.A. or A.S. from TCC. This milestone will also meet your general education requirements at NSU (unless it is a specific NSU requirement for you to graduate).

How do my TCC classes transfer to NSU? Every class that you take at TCC will transfer to NSU. Each class counts in one of the following categories that make up a bachelor's degree: general education, major, minor, or free elective. Minors (18 hours) are a coherent set of courses in a discipline or interdisciplinary grouping other than a student's degree program. **This program requires a minor.** Free electives can be selected from any academic area. They allow you to explore academic interests outside of your major while counting toward the 124 hours you need to graduate. If you completed a class at TCC that does not meet one of the other specific requirements, it will count as a free elective. If you complete more than 64 hours at the associate degree level, all courses will transfer to NSU, but may be counted as electives. You must have 60 hours from a four-year institution to meet state requirements for graduation with a baccalaureate degree.

When can you start taking NSU classes? You can begin taking classes at NSU while you are completing your A.A. or A.S. at TCC. This is called dual enrollment and many students do this each semester. Consult an NSU academic advisor and a financial aid counselor to see how dual enrollment can work for you.

TCC Political Science, AA to NSU Political Science, BA

Political Science, AA

Freshman Year at Tulsa Community College

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
ENGL 1113 Composition I	ENGL 1213 Composition II
HIST 1483 or 1493 U.S. History	POLS 2103 Introduction to State & Local Government
MATH 1473 Quantitative Reasoning	Required General Education Elective (3 hours)
POLS 1113 American Federal Government	General Education Science with lab (4 hours)
General Education Science without lab (3 hours)	General Education Recommended Elective. The following course is recommended: CSCI 1203 Comp. Concepts & Apps.
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 16

Political Science, AA

Sophomore Year at Tulsa Community College

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
COMM 1113 Public Speaking	General Education Humanities (3 hours)
General Education Humanities (3 hours)	Political Science Elective (6 hours) NSU recommends the following: POLS 2033 Intro. to Political Thought & POLS 2153 Introduction to the Constitution & Judicial Process
Political Science Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends POLS 2203 Introduction to International Relations	Recommended Elective (6 hours)
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Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

After completion of your TCC courses, have the TCC Registrar send an official transcript to the NSU Admissions Office. If you have completed all requirements for an Associate degree, make sure that designation is noted on your TCC official transcript before sending to NSU. If you have not completed the requirements for an Associate degree, talk with your TCC Academic Advisor about Reverse Transfer options to use NSU coursework to complete your TCC degree.

Political Science, BA

Junior Year at Northeastern State University

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
POLS 3083 Scope & Methods of Political Science	POLS elective in Political Theory (3 hours)
POLS elective in American Institutions (3 hours)	POLS elective in Intl. Relations & Comp. Politics (6 hours)
Course in Minor (6 hours)	Course in Minor (6 hours)
Free Electives 3000/4000 (3 hours)	Free Electives 3000/4000 (3 hours)
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 18

Political Science, BA

Senior Year at Northeastern State University

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
POLS elective in Political Behavior (3 hours)	POLS elective in Political Behavior (3 hours)
POLS elective in American Institutions (3 hours)	POLS 3000/4000 Elective (3 hours)
Course in Minor (3 hours)	Course in Minor (3 hours)
Free Electives 3000/4000 (6 hours)	Free Electives 3000/4000 (6 hours)
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

Total hours transferred from Tulsa Community College: **61**

Total hours needed from a four-year university to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: **63**

Total Degree Plan Hours: 124

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