# Transfer Advising Guide: SCTCS Associate in Science to Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
## Bulletin Year 2025-2026

This course plan provides a recommended sequence for this major. For detailed degree requirements, please refer to the University of South Carolina Bulletin. Additionally, reach out to your academic advisor at your technical college for assistance in navigating coursework in your college program of study.  Your University of South Carolina advisor will help with course selection and planning for upcoming semesters after transfer.

| Course Subject and Title | Credit Hours | Min. Grade | USC Equivalent Course | USC Degree Applicability |
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| **Semester One (16 Credit Hours)** | | | | |
| ENG 101 English Composition I | 3 | C | ENGL 101Critical Reading & Composition | CC- CMW |
| MAT 120 Probability & Statistics or MAT 130 Elementary Calculus or BUS 240 Business Statistics or CPT 101 Intro to computers | 3 | C | STAT 201 Elementary Statistics or MATH 122 Calculus for BA & Soc Sciences or STAT 206 Elementary Stats for Business or CSCE 101 Intro to Computer Concepts | CC- ARP |
| AST 101 Solar System Astronomy or BIO 101 Biological Science I or CHM 101 General Chemistry I or GEO 205 Physical Geography | 4 | C | ASTR 101 Intro to Astronomy or BIOL 101/ 101L Biological principles I w/ Lab or CHEM 101 Fundamental Chemistry I or GEOG 104 Intro to Physical Geography | CC- SCI |
| PSC 220 Intro to International Relations | 3 | C | POLI 101 Intro to Global Politics | CC- GSS |
| COL 105 Freshman Seminar | 3 | C | UNEL 001T Freshman Seminar | PR-Elective |
| **Semester Two (16 Credit Hours)** | | | | |
| ENG 102 English Composition II | 3 | C | ENGL 102 Rhetoric & Composition | CC- CMW |
| SPC 205 Public Speaking | 3 | C | SPCH 140 Public Communication | CC- CMS |
| MAT 120 Probability & Statistics or MAT 130 Elementary Calculus or BUS 240 Business Statistics or CPT 101 Intro to computers | 3 | C | STAT 201 Elementary Statistics or MATH 122 Calculus for BA & Soc Sciences or STAT 206 Elementary Stats for Business or CSCE 101 Intro to Computer Concepts | CC- ARP |
| AST 101 Solar System Astronomy or BIO 101 Biological Science I or CHM 101 General Chemistry I or GEO 205 Physical Geography | 4 | C | ASTR 101 Intro to Astronomy or BIOL 101/ 101L Biological principles I w/ Lab or CHEM 101 Fundamental Chemistry I or GEOG 104 Intro to Physical Geography | CC- SCI |
| HIS 201 American History: Disc to 1877 or HIS 202 American History: 1877 to Present | 3 | C | HIST 111 US History to 1865 or HIST 112 US History since 1865 | CC- GHS/FD CC-GHS |

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| **Semester Three (15 Credit Hours)** | | | | |
| POLI 201 American National Government | 3 | | PSC 201 American Government | CC- VSR |
| History (*must be a non-US history course*) *** | 3 | | Equivalent History Course *** | CR |
| POLI 105 Intro to politics | 3 | C | PSC 205 Politics & Government | MR |
| ART 101 Art History & Appreciation or MUS 105 Music Appreciation or THE 101 Intro to Theatre | 3 | C | ARTE 101 Intro to Art or MUSC 110 Intro to Music or THEA 200 Understanding & Appreciating Theatre | CC- AIU |
| Foreign Language or Approved Elective *** | 3 | | Equivalent language Course *** | CC- GFL/ PR |
| **Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)** | | | | |
| Political Science Major Course (*POLI 300 or above*) | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalent | MR |
| Political Science Major Course (*POLI 300 or above*) | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalent | MR |
| Cognate or Minor Course | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalency | PR |
| Humanities or Fines Arts *** | 3 | | Equivalent Course if Applicable *** | CR |
| Foreign Language or Approved Elective *** | 3 | | Equivalent language Course *** | CC- GFL/ PR |

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| **Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)** | | | | |
| POLI 303 Modern Political Theory | 3 | | No SCTCS Equivalent | CR |
| Political Science Major Course (*POLI 300 or above*) | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalent | MR |
| Cognate or Minor Course | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalency | PR |
| Humanities or Fines Arts *** | 3 | | Equivalent Course if Applicable *** | CR |
| Foreign Language or Approved Elective *** | 3 | | Equivalent language Course *** | CC- GFL/ PR |
| **Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)** | | | | |
| Political Science Major Course (*POLI 300 or above*) | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalent | MR |
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| Cognate or Minor Course | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalency | PR |
| Cognate or Minor Course | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalency | PR |
| Humanities or Fines Arts  *** | 3 | | Equivalent Course if Applicable *** | CR |

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| Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours) | | | | |
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| Political Science Major Course (*POLI 300 or above*) | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalent | MR |
| Minor Course or Approved Elective | 3 | C (minor) | No SCTCS Equivalency | PR |
| Carolina Core Req. or Approved elective *** | 3 | | Equivalent Course if Applicable *** | CC/ PR |
| Approved Elective *** | 3 | | Equivalent Course if Applicable *** | PR |
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| Semester Eight (15 Credit Hours) | | | | |
| Political Science Major Course (*POLI 300 or above*) | 3 | C | No SCTCS Equivalent | MR |
| Minor Course or Approved Elective | 3 | C (minor) | No SCTCS Equivalency | PR |
| Carolina Core Req. or Approved elective *** | 3 | | Equivalent Course if Applicable *** | CC/ PR |
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\* Additional courses may be transferred.

For more information about program requirements please visit https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/programs-az/ and the course equivalency transfer table at https://banner.onecarolina.sc.edu/BannerExtensibility/customPage/page/z_spg_codes-transferequiv?mepCode=COL to determine how additional courses may transfer from your institution.

\*\*Not all USC majors offer Transfer Advising Guides. The university's top transfer majors were selected for these guides.

\*\*\* In Resident Requirement: The last 25% of a student's degree must be completed in residence at the University of South Carolina, and at least half of the hours in the student's major course and in the student's minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at the University.

\*\*\*\* Transfer credits to USC must be from regionally accredited institutions for academic courses completed with grades of **C-** or better.

Disclaimer: Transfer Advising Guides are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.

**University Requirements:** Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements.  For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website.

| Codes: | | | |
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| **CC** | Carolina Core | **CC-INF** | Carolina Core – Information Literacy |
| **CC-AIU** | Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding | **CC-INT** | Carolina Core – Integrative Course |
| **CC-ARP** | Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving | **CC-SCI** | Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy |
| **CC-CMS** | Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component | **CC-VSR** | Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility |
| **CC-CMW** | Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component | **CR** | College Requirement |
| **CC-GFL** | Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language | **MR** | Major Requirement |
| **CC-GHS** | Carolina Core – Historical Thinking | **PR** | Program Requirement |
| **CC-GSS** | Carolina Core – Social Sciences | **FD** | Founding Documents |