

Political Science Major Coursework Available at Southwestern Michigan College

The following courses (9 Units) are required to complete an Albion College Major in Political Science (Note: Not all major coursework is available at Southwestern Michigan College, but courses completed at Albion College may be reverse transferred to SWMC for the completion of a SWMC Associate Degree). Additionally, the major requires one 400-level capstone seminar.

SWMC Course	Albion College Units	Albion College Equivalent – Common Core Major Courses	✓
POSC 201	0.75	PLSC 101: Politics of American Democracy	
N/A at SWMC	0.75	PLSC 105: Introduction to Political Thought	
Major Core – Common Core – To Be Taken at Albion College			
PLSC 100	Introduction to Political Inquiry		
PLSC 102 -or- PLSC 103	Introduction to Comparative Politics -or- Introduction to International Politics		
Major Core – American Politics and Policy Stream of Inquiry			
Select One	PLSC 310 – State and Local Government PLSC 312 – American Political Development PLSC 315 – Presidential Campaigns and Elections PLSC 317 – Political Parties in the United States		
Major Core – International Relations and Comparative Politics Stream of Inquiry			
Select One	PLSC 301 – International Organizations PLSC 336 – International Relations PLSC 338 – International Political Economy PLSC 352 – The Comparative Politics of Developing Nations PLSC 372 – Gender, Sex and International Politics PLSC 404 – Causes of War PLSC 405 – National Security Policy		
Major Core – American Politics and Policy Stream of Inquiry			
Select One	PLSC 322 – Crime, Politics and Punishment PLSC 324 – Civil Rights and Civil Liberties PLSC 351 – Modern Political Thought PLSC 357 – International Law and Politics PLSC 367 – American Political Thought PLSC 406 – Privacy and the Surveillance Society		

Note: Students must choose one PLSC Elective to reach the necessary nine Units required for completion.

Graduation from Albion College requires the completion of at least one major, in addition to other degree requirements. Only courses applicable to a Liberal Arts curriculum may transfer.

Students transferring from two-year institutions may present a maximum of 20 units (80 credit hours) to transfer towards their Bachelor's Degree. Coursework assigned a passing grade equal to or above 2.0 (C or better) on a 4.0 scale may be recognized in transfer. Courses in which a grade of CR (credit) was earned are not transferrable.

Contact Admissions with questions, and to begin the process of transferring to Albion College.

