

Transfer Planning Sheet Political Science (POL)

The following Cortland courses are recommended by the department to complete prior to transfer. The transfer credit limit from a 2-year college is 64 credits. All classes are three (3) credits unless otherwise noted. [SUNY Transfer Path](#) courses are underlined and notated in blue.

SUNY General Education/Cortland Degree Requirements (30-31 credits):

1. Any GE 2 Natural Science (3-4 cr)
2. GE 4 U.S. History and Society:
POL 100 Intro to American Government and Politics **OR**

Course I will complete at my current college:

Students with an 84 or lower on the New York State U.S. History Regents exam (and out of state students) should choose:
HIS 200 The United States to 1877 **OR** HIS 201 The United States since 1877

3. Any GE 7 Humanities course
Recommended: POL 102 Foundations of Democracy
4. Any GE 8 The Arts
5. Any GE 9 Foreign Language**
6. CPN 100 Writing Studies I
7. CPN 101 Writing Studies II

Major Requirements (12 credits):

1. [POL 100 Intro to American Government and Politics](#)
(will also fulfill GE 3 Social Sciences and GE 4 U.S. History and Society, see above)
2. [POL 101 Introduction to World Politics](#)
(will also fulfill GE 6 Contrasting Cultures)
3. Political Science electives (6 cr)
One option includes:
[POL 250 International Relations](#)

Additional POL electives/free electives (21-22 credits)

Total: 64

**A foreign language course at the intermediate level II (202) is required for this major. Sign language is acceptable as a foreign language for this major.

Political Science

School of Arts and Sciences

The program requirements pertain to the Undergraduate Catalog and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students currently on SUNY campuses should consult their academic advisor for additional choices in general education categories when any course is recommended.

- To view all required courses for the program and Cortland's General Education courses, see the most current undergraduate [Catalog](#).
- **You can choose to add a concentration to this major. You can choose from Law and Justice or Public Administration and Public Policy.**
- Use the [transfer equivalency tables](#) to choose equivalents at your transfer college.
- If you plan to transfer before you complete your associate's degree, you can still earn your degree via [Reverse Transfer](#).

About Political Science

Political science affects the air we breathe, the schools we attend, the jobs we do, the communities we live in and the taxes we pay. If you choose this major, you'll learn the principles at work behind the decisions that affect every aspect of our lives. If active engagement in the political system is for you, a political science major is a great way to get started.

Career Potential

- State or federal legislative aide
- Campaign manager
- Local, state or federal elected representative
- Journalist/reporter
- Federal agent
- Local, state or national government employee

What Will I Learn?

- Complete a core curriculum covering the basics of U.S. and world politics, research techniques and political theory.
- Explore the different fields of political science through upper-division course work
- Complete a capstone course either through a seminar or internship experience

Applying to Cortland

- SUNY Cortland accepts the Common Application and the SUNY Online [application](#). Choose just one way to apply; both require a \$50 non-refundable application fee.
- If you apply to Cortland using the SUNY application, SUNY will waive the \$50 application fee for transfer students graduating with an associate degree from a SUNY or CUNY college, who apply directly to Cortland for baccalaureate programs.
- Fall applicants should apply by March 1. Spring applications should apply by November 1.
- After [applying](#), students must send transcripts from all colleges attended and a high school transcript.