

A.A. to B.S. in Government & Political Philosophy

2+2 Transfer Guide

The University of Mary and Bismarck State College have partnered to offer the Seamless Transfer program. Now, it's even easier to step from a two-year program into your dream major! The Seamless Transfer program allows students to work towards their bachelor's degree from the University of Mary while simultaneously earning their associate's degree from Bismarck State College. Students who successfully complete an Associate of Arts in Political Science degree with the required U-Mary pre-requisites at Bismarck State College can seamlessly transfer to the University of Mary and complete their Bachelor of Science in Government and Political Philosophy in only two years.

The major in Government and Political Philosophy at the University of Mary prepares students in addressing the theoretical and applied issues that arise in society, addressing the need for a cross-disciplinary approach in pursuit of answers to these issues in the political body. Students will learn the history of individuals and their relationship to governance, be trained to serve in the Benedictine tradition, following the example of Christ as a servant leader. Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge through experiential service to the community, to engage with elected officials and noted community leaders, and to address the challenges of the future.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

There is a need and an opportunity to form a collaborative project among students, politicians, and citizens that will help to examine the political, social, and historical foundations of government so as to analyze and to provide solutions to the pressing challenges of modern political life.

MISSION

Faculty within the Government and Political Philosophy major provide a well-rounded social science program rooted in the Benedictine tradition of our sponsors, the Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery. The curriculum is designed to expose students to critical thinking skills, historical analysis, cultural diversity, and respect for others.



CAREER OUTLOOK⁺

Employment of political scientists is expected to grow 8 percent from 2010 to 2020, slower than the average for all occupations. Employment will increase in response to a growing interest in public policy and political issues. There will be demand for those with extensive knowledge of political systems, institutions, and policies.

Political organizations, lobbying firms, and many nonprofit, labor, and social organizations will rely on the knowledge of political scientists to manage increasingly complicated legal and regulatory issues and policies. Because the federal government employs more than half of all political scientists, employment growth will be tempered as overall employment in the federal government declines. However, political scientists will still be needed to assess the impact of government policies, such as the efficiencies of public services, effects of departmental cuts, and advantages of proposed improvements.

Political scientists should face strong competition for most jobs. Candidates with a graduate degree, strong writing and analytical skills, and experience researching or performing policy analysis should have the best job prospects. Candidates who have specialized knowledge or experience in their field of interest will also have better opportunities.

+ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-'13 Edition.



Government & Political Philosophy

CURRICULUM

The major takes both philosophical and practical approaches to government, integrating a multi-disciplinary approach to learning in areas that are critical to contemporary understandings of the role and function of government. The leadership, decision-making, and ethical skills will help develop leaders in the Benedictine tradition.

The program, as follows, can be modified to meet individual preference in any given political, historical, social, or philosophical area based on the number of electives that would allow a student to pick up a minor in these areas.

■ Freshman:

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
HIST 103	United States to 1877	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
Lab Science/L		4

ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
HIST 104	United States since 1877	3
POLS 115	American Government	3
MATH 103	College Algebra	4
Art	Core	3

■ Sophomore

POLS 116	State and Local Government	3
MATH 210	Elementary Stats	3
SOC 115	Social Problems	3
PHIL 101	Intro to Philosophy	3
RELS 120	Religion in America	3
BSC-Enrichment		1

CSCI 101	Intro to Computers	3
ECON 105	Elements of Economics	3
POLS 220	International Politics	3
Elective		3
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BSC-Enrichment		1

■ Junior

COM 212	Persuasion	4
PHI 309	Ancient & Medieval Philosophy	4
ECN 444	Economic Policy Alternatives	4
ALU 122	Transfer Leadership Seminar	1
Elective		4

HIS 307	Difference & Inequality	4
PHI 202	Logic	4
HIS 308	Philosophical Ethics	4
Elective		4

■ Senior

PPOL 414	U.S. Constitutional Law	4
PHI 314	Political Philosophy	4
POL 490	Senior Seminar	4
Elective		4

POL 408	Political Sociology	4
POL 450	Contemporary Political Thought	4
POL 440	Internship	4
Elective		4
ALU 499	Senior Competence Assessment	0

