

A.A. to B.S. in Public Policy

2+2 Transfer Guide

“**T**he 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 their Associate of Arts degree in Political Science with the required U-Mary pre-requisites at Bismarck State College can seamlessly transfer to the University of Mary and complete their Bachelor’s of Science in Public Policy in only two years.

The major in Public Policy at the University of Mary prepares students in understanding how policy is designed, implemented, and analyzed to benefit communities and impact the greater good. Students will learn the complex nature of policy as it relates to society, the underlying social behavior and problems that relate to policy, and the analytical skills to competently address problems in society.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS AND PUBLIC POLICY

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, economic, 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 Public Policy major provide a well-rounded social science program rooted in the Benedictine tradition of our sponsors, the 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 projected to grow 21 percent from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations. However, because it is a small occupation, the fast growth will result in only about 1,400 new jobs over the 10-year period.



Employment will increase in response to a growing interest in public policy and political issues. There will be demand for jobseekers 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 complicated legal and regulatory issues and policies. Political scientists will also be needed at think- tanks to focus specifically on politics and political theory. Organizations that research or advocate for specific causes, such as immigration, healthcare, or the environment, will also need political scientists to analyze policies relating to their field.

The federal government employs about half of all political scientists, and political scientists will continue to be needed in the government to assess the impact of government policies, such as the efficiencies of public services, effects of departmental cuts, and advantages of proposed improvements.

+ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2014-'15 Edition.

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CURRICULUM*+

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■ Freshman:

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
COMM 110	Fund. of Public Speaking	3
HIST 103	United States to 1877	3
SOC 110	Intro to Sociology	3
Lab Science	Elective	3/1

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 & Local Government	3
MATH 210	Elementary Statistics	3
SOC 115	Social Problems	3
Elective		3
Elective		3
BSC Enrichment		1

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

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■ Junior

COM 212	Persuasion	4
POL 308	Public Policy Analysis	4
ECN 444	Economic Policy Alternatives	4
ALU 122	Transfer Leadership Seminar	1
Elective		3 or 4

HIS 307	Difference & Inequality	4
PHI 202	Logic	4
THE 220	Faith & Justice	4
Elective		3 or 4

■ Senior

POL 414	U.S. Constitutional Law	4
POL 440	Internship	4
POL 490	Senior Seminar	4
Elective		3 or 4

THE 382	Moral Issues Seminar	4
POL 408	Political Sociology	4
POL 325/425	Special Topics	4
Elective		3 or 4
ALU 499	Senior Competence Assessment	0

+ **Please note:** the additional courses required for the completion of an Associate's Degree at Bismarck State College are not listed here – please see your advisor for more information.

* The maximum number of credits that will transfer from BSC to U-Mary is 64.

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