



**NCTC ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA) GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE  
GOVERNMENT PATHWAY  
2023-2024 CATALOG**

The following is a recommended sequence of courses for students intending on majoring in a **Government or Political Science field** at a Texas public university, and maps out how you can earn your **Associate of Arts (AA) General Studies degree** from NCTC as well. The transfer university is the final authority on determining if all the courses within the NCTC Associate of Arts degree are transferable and applicable for an intended major, so students should always consult with an advisor at the university level regarding approved and required coursework.

Students placing at college preparatory levels will have additional courses to complete before taking eligible college-level courses in this sequence, and some courses may have prerequisites. Please check the course descriptions in the [NCTC catalog](#). This suggested sequence only maps out Fall and Spring semesters however the [number of courses taken each semester](#) can be adjusted if classes are also taken during Summer and/or Minimesters. Depending on how many credit hours you have already attempted, **all courses on this pathway may not be [Financial Aid](#) eligible through NCTC** however there are other resources to help with [paying for college](#).

| FIRST SEMESTER                                    |  | CREDIT HOURS  |
|---|--|---------------|
| ENGL 1301   | Composition I  | 3             |
| EDUC 1300   | Learning Frameworks  | 3             |
| HIST 1301   | U.S. History I ( <i>up to 1865</i> )   | 3             |
| MATH Core   | MATH 1342-Elementary Statistics or other Math core   | 3             |
| SOCIAL/BEHAV Core                                 | SOCI 1301-Intro. to Sociology or other Social Science core   | <u>3</u>      |
|   |  | <b>15</b>     |
| SECOND SEMESTER                                   |  |               |
| ENGL 1302 or 2311                                 | Composition II or Technical Writing  | 3             |
| HIST 1302   | U.S. History II ( <i>1865 to present</i> )   | 3             |
| LANG/PHIL/CULTURE Core                            | HUMA 1301-Intro. to Humanities or other Lang/Phil/Culture core   | 3             |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> LAB SCIENCE Core                  | BIOL 1408, 1409, or 2406, CHEM 1406 or PHYS 1415, ASTR 1403 or 1404, GEOG 1401 or 1402, or HORT 1401 ( <i>options for non-Science majors</i> ) | 4             |
| ARTS Core   | DRAM 1310-Intro. to Theater or other Creative Arts core  | <u>3</u>      |
|   |  | <b>16</b>     |
| THIRD SEMESTER                                    |  |               |
| GOVT 2305   | American National Government   | 3             |
| SPCH 1311, 1315, or 1321                          | Intro. to Communication, Public Speaking, or Business and Prof. Speech   | 3             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> LAB SCIENCE Core                  | BIOL 1408, 1409, or 2406, CHEM 1406 or PHYS 1415, ASTR 1403 or 1404, GEOL 1401 or 1402, or HORT 1401 ( <i>options for non-Science majors</i> ) | 4             |
| Elective  | HIST 2321-World Civilizations I*   | 3             |
| Elective  | PHIL 1301-Intro. to Philosophy or Foreign Language I*  | <u>3-4</u>    |
|   |  | <b>16-17</b>  |
| FOURTH SEMESTER                                   |  |               |
| GOVT 2306   | Texas Government   | 3             |
| Elective  | HIST 2322-World Civilizations II*  | 3             |
| Elective  | HIST 2301-Texas History*   | 3             |
| Elective  | ENGL 2327-American Literature I*   | 3             |
| Elective  | PHIL 2306-Intro. to Ethics or Foreign Language II*   | <u>3-4</u>    |
|   |  | <b>15-16</b>  |
| <i>Total Credit Hours (apply for Graduation!)</i> |  | <b>62-64*</b> |

\*Consult with your intended transfer university advisor to determine which NCTC courses would satisfy both elective and [core requirements](#) for your major, and also how many credit hours beyond the 60 hours required for an AA or AS degree are transferable. Some universities may require 12-14 hours of a Foreign Language for Bachelor of Arts majors or proven language proficiency through credit by exam ([CLEP](#), [AP](#), [IBD](#)).

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**NCTC TRANSFER SCHOOLS & INFO: [www.nctc.edu/transfer](http://www.nctc.edu/transfer)**

**TEXAS ON COURSE: <https://texasoncourse.org/>**

**TEXAS COMMON COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM (TCCNS): [www.tccns.org](http://www.tccns.org)**

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR: <https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>**

**NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAYS: <http://ntxccc.org/content/transfer>**