

PUBLIC POLICY (AA) *FINANCIAL AID APPROVAL PENDING*

Catalog Effective Term: Fall 2026

Program Code: AAPBPL

Credential: Associate in Arts

Program is also available online

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) in Public Policy program provides students with a solid foundation in the principles of public policy analysis, development, and implementation. The curriculum integrates key areas of economics, geography, history, and political science, preparing students to analyze and address pressing public policy issues. Students will gain essential skills in research, communication, and policy evaluation, making them well-equipped for entry-level positions in government, non-profit organizations, and private sector policy roles. This program also serves as a seamless pathway for students planning to transfer to four-year institutions to pursue advanced degrees in public policy, political science, public administration, or related fields.

Program Requirements

- Academic Reading and Writing Levels of 6
- Demonstrated interest in the social sciences or public service, although no prior coursework in political science or related fields is required.
- All courses must be completed with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Minimum Credits Required for the Program: 60

Full-Time Students

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111 or ENG 111X	Composition I or Composition 1	4
PLS 112	Introduction to American Government	3
Arts/Humanities Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#arthuma)		3
Math Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#math) (MTH 160 recommended)		3
Credits		13
Second Semester		
Select one from the following:		3
ENG 226	Composition II	
COM 101	Fundamentals of Speaking	
COM 102	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 142	Oral Interpretation of Literature	
COM 183	Persuasion	
COM 200	Family Communication	
COM 210	Nonverbal Communication	
COM 220	Small Group Communication	
COM 225	Intercultural Communication	

Arts/Humanities Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#arthuma)		3
Restricted Elective(s) : Any HST course		3
AAPBPL Restricted Electives (p. 2)		3
Nat. Sci. Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#naturalsci)		3
Credits		15
Third Semester		
ECO 211	Economic Principles I - Macro ¹	3
PLS 220 or PLS 250	Politics and the Media or Campaigns and Elections	3
Restricted Elective(s) : Any HST course		3
AAPBPL Restricted Electives (p. 2)		3
Nat. Sci. Lab Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#natscilab)		3
Credits		15
Fourth Semester		
ECO 222	Economic Principles II - Micro	3
Restricted Elective(s) : Any HST course		3
AAPBPL Restricted Electives (p. 2)		6
Open Elective(s) to reach a minimum of 60 total credits. (Any course 100-level or above and transferrable)		5
Credits		17
Total Credits		60

¹ An Academic Math Level 3 is required for ECO 211.

Minimum Credits Required for the Program: 60

Part-Time Students

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111 or ENG 111X	Composition I or Composition 1	4
PLS 112	Introduction to American Government	3
Credits		7
Second Semester		
Select one from the following:		3
ENG 226	Composition II	
COM 101	Fundamentals of Speaking	
COM 102	Interpersonal Communication	
COM 142	Oral Interpretation of Literature	
COM 183	Persuasion	
COM 200	Family Communication	
COM 210	Nonverbal Communication	
COM 220	Small Group Communication	
COM 225	Intercultural Communication	
Arts/Humanities Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#arthuma)		3
Credits		6
Third Semester		
Restricted Elective(s) : Any HST course		3

Math Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#math) (MTH 160 recommended)	3
Credits	6
Fourth Semester	
AAPBPL Restricted Electives (p. 2)	3
Nat. Sci. Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#naturalsci)	3
Credits	6
Fifth Semester	
ECO 211 Economic Principles I - Macro ¹	3
Arts/Humanities Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#arthuma)	3
Credits	6
Sixth Semester	
ECO 222 Economic Principles II - Micro	3
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Credits	6
Seventh Semester	
PLS 220 Politics and the Media or PLS 250 or Campaigns and Elections	3
Restricted Elective(s) : Any HST course	3
Credits	6
Eighth Semester	
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Restricted Elective(s) : Any HST course	3
Credits	6
Ninth Semester	
AAPBPL Restricted Electives (p. 2)	3
Nat. Sci. Lab Elective(s) (https://coursecatalog.wccnet.edu/academics/general-education/#natcilab)	3
Credits	6
Tenth Semester	
Open Elective(s) to reach a minimum of 60 total credits. (Any course 100-level or above and transferrable)	5
Credits	5
Total Credits	60

¹ Academic Math Level 3 or MTH 125 or MTH 125X or MTH 160 or MTH 160X are prerequisites for ACC 111.

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AAPBPL Restricted Electives

Code	Title	Credits
ACC 111	Principles of Financial Accounting ¹	
ACC 122	Principles of Managerial Accounting	
ANT 201	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
BMG 231	Nonprofit Management	
ECO 110	Introduction to Economics	
GEO 101	World Regional Geography	
PHL 205	Ethics	
SOC 205	Race and Ethnic Relations	
Any PLS course		
Any ARB, FRN, GRM, JPN, SPN course		