GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & LAW (AA-DTA)

Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA)
(90-93 credits)

Program Description

How do we begin to understand crime? What drives human deviance? What are the most effective methods of correction, and how does lawmaking support these systems? In studying Criminal Justice, you'll use an interdisciplinary, social sciences-based approach to learning about the criminal justice system. Along with building a deep awareness and understanding of law and policy, you'll learn how to communicate effectively, develop cross-cultural understanding, give and receive feedback, and collaborate with others.

Be one of the people changing the world at the highest level—advocate for the under-privileged, participate in political bodies and movements, develop policy, or prepare for law school. Begin by choosing our Government, Public, and Nonprofit Administration Pathway.

Career Opportunities

- Lawyer
- Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers, Postsecondary
- Social and Community Service Manager
- Political Scientist
- Social Science Researcher
- Political Science Teacher
- Sociologist

Program Requirements

In planning this degree students need to work closely with their advisor or a counselor as although the Associate in Arts Degree transfers to four-year colleges and universities in Washington State, it may not meet specific department requirements. (For example, business, engineering, education, etc.)

To earn an Associate in Arts degree all courses taken must be:

- At college level (numbered 100 or above).
- A minimum of 75 of the 90 credits required for the degree must be from the General Education Requirements for the Associate in Arts & Science – Direct Transfer Agreement. Copies of the list are available on line at spscc.edu/programs/general-ed-requirements.
- A maximum of 15 credits will be allowed for courses numbered 100 or above that are not on the General Education list.
- A class can only count once toward General Education requirements. For example, MATH 205 will satisfy either QUANTITATIVE or NATURAL SCIENCE course requirements, but not both.
- A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above in all college-level courses required.
- Although this degree is a general transfer degree, South Puget Sound Community College has provided pathways and associated recommended courses for ease of student selection based upon a student's career interest. Please review the pathway maps for recommended courses and course sequences.

Outcomes

South Puget Sound Community College believes that all students need to develop a broad range of abilities that will not only make them more effective in their professional pursuits but will enhance their capacity to relate well to others in their daily lives.

- General education introduces students to the content and methodology of the major areas of knowledge – communication, the humanities and fine arts, the natural sciences, mathematics and the social sciences – and helps them develop the intellectual skills that will make them more effective life-long learners. The College's general education program intended to meet the transfer requirements of the four-year colleges and universities as outlined in the Intercollegiate Relations Commission Handbook.

The SPSCC college-wide abilities are embedded into each program:

- Effective Communication
- Information Literacy
- Analytical Reasoning
- Multicultural Awareness
- Social Responsibility

Courses by Quarter

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Code	Title	Credits
Quarter 1		
Transition Studies		
Quarter 2		
MATH 092	Mathematical Reasoning [1]	5
or AMATH 097	Corequisite Intermediate Algebra	
ENGL 090	Integrated Reading and Writing I	5
or ENGL 095	Integrated Reading and Writing II	
CCS 101	Pathways to Success	3
Quarter 3		
CMATH 107	Clippers Math In Society [2]	5
or CMATH 146	Clippers Introduction to Statistics	
ENGL 098	Transitional English Composition	5
or ENGL& 101	English Composition I	
SOC& 201	Social Problems: Diversity	5
Quarter 4		

Social Science Distribution Course (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/) - Choose Any HIST Course	5
ENGL& 102 Composition II	5
POLS& 202 United States Government	5

Quarter 5

General Elective Course from Any Distribution (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/)	5
ENVS& 100 Survey of Environmental Science	5
Select one of the following:	
CMST& 210 Interpersonal Communication: Diversity	
CMST& 220 Public Speaking	
CMST& 230 Small Group Communication: Diversity	
CMST& 240 Intercultural Communication: Diversity	5

Quarter 6

General Elective Course from Any Distribution (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/)	5
Humanities Distribution Course (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/)	10

Quarter 7

General Elective Course from Any Distribution (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/)	10
Select one of the following:	
BIOL& 160 General Biology W/Lab	
BIOL& 175 Human Biology W/Lab	
BOT 101 Introduction to Botany	
ENVS 203 Climate and Energy Solutions	
OCEA& 101 Introduction to Oceanography W/Lab	

Quarter 8

General Elective Course from Any Distribution (https://catalog.spscc.edu/distribution-requirements/aa-as-dt-degrees/)	10
Select one of the following:	
ANTH& 205 Biological Anthropology	
ENVS 102 Climate Change & Society	
MATH& 146 Introduction to Statistics	
NUTR& 101 Nutrition	

Pathway Maps

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Government, Public Administration, & Law Pathway Map
Associate in Arts
90-93 Credits

Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 5	Qtr. 6	Qtr. 7	Qtr. 8
Transition Studies	MATH 092 (5cr) Mathematical Reasoning OR AMATH 097 (7cr) Corequisite Intermediate Algebra — Includes ability to complete: MATH 096, MATH 097. *Note – MATH 097 only needed for students who plan to take PHIL& 120 or ECON& 201 and 202	(Quantitative) Choose One: (5cr-7cr) — CMATH 107 (5cr) CLIPPERS Math in Society* Includes ability to complete: MATH 095, MATH& 107 --OR-- CMATH 146 (7cr) CLIPPERS Introduction to Probability and Statistics* Includes ability to complete: MATH 095, MATH 096, MATH& 146 --OR-- PHIL& 120 (5cr) Symbolic Logic* *Some students may place directly into MATH& 107 or 146, or PHIL& 120	(Social Science) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — HIST (5cr) Any HIST course	(General Education Elective) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — CJ& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Criminal Justice; CJ& 112 (5cr) Criminology; POLS& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Political Science; POLS /PSYC/SOC 209 (5cr) Social Science Research Methods***; SOC& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Sociology	(General Education Elective) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — CJ& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Criminal Justice; CJ& 112 (5cr) Criminology; POLS& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Political Science; POLS /PSYC/SOC 209 (5cr) Social Science Research Methods***; SOC& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Sociology	(General Education Elective) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — ANTH& 206 (5cr) Cultural Anthropology: Diversity; BUS& 201 (5cr) Business Law; ECON& 201 (5cr) Micro Economics; ECON& 202 (5cr) Macro Economics; POLS& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Political Science; POLS& 200 (5cr) Introduction to Law: Diversity; POLS& 203 (5cr) International Relations; POLS /PSYC/SOC 209 (5cr) Social Science Research Methods***; SOC 200 (5cr) Introduction to Social Work; SOC 245 (5cr) Social Movements: Diversity; SOC 255 (5cr) Globalization: Diversity; SOC 285 (5cr) Food and Society: Diversity	(Elective) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — ANTH& 206 (5cr) Cultural Anthropology: Diversity; BUS& 201 (5cr) Business Law; ECON& 201 (5cr) Micro Economics; ECON& 202 (5cr) Macro Economics; LEGL 111 (5cr) Criminal Law; POLS& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Political Science; POLS& 200 (5cr) Introduction to Law: Diversity; POLS& 203 (5cr) International Relations; POLS /PSYC/SOC 209 (5cr) Social Science Research Methods***; SOC 200 (5cr) Introduction to Social Work; SOC 245 (5cr) Social Movements: Diversity; SOC 255 (5cr) Globalization: Diversity; SOC 285 (5cr) Food and Society: Diversity
ENGL 090 (5cr) Integrated Reading and Writing I; ENGL 095 (5cr) Integrated Reading and Writing II	(Communication) (5cr) — ENGL 098 (5cr) Transitional English Composition; ENGL& 101 (5cr) English Composition I	(Communication) (5cr) (recommended) — ENGL& 102 (5cr) Composition II	(Natural Science) (5cr) (recommended) — ENVS& 100 (5cr) Survey of Environmental Science	(Humanities) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — HUM (5cr) Any HUM course; IIS (5cr) Any IIS course; Language (5cr) Any Language course; PHIL (5cr) Any PHIL course	(Elective) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — HUM (5cr) Any HUM course; IIS (5cr) Any IIS course; Language (5cr) Any Language course; PHIL (5cr) Any PHIL course	(Elective) Choose One: (2-5cr) (recommended) — ANTH& 206 (5cr) Cultural Anthropology: Diversity; BUS& 201 (5cr) Business Law; CJ& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Criminal Justice; CJ& 112 (5cr) Criminology; CCS 103 (2cr) Transfer Preparation; ECON& 201 (5cr) Micro Economics; ECON& 202 (5cr) Macro Economics; LEGL 111 (5cr) Criminal Law; POLS& 200 (5cr) Introduction to Law: Diversity; POLS& 203 (5cr) International Relations; SOC& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Sociology; SOC 200 (5cr) Introduction to Social Work; SOC 245 (5cr) Social Movements: Diversity; SOC 255 (5cr) Globalization: Diversity; SOC 285 (5cr) Food and Society: Diversity	
CCS 101 (3cr) Pathways to Success	(Social Science) (5cr) (recommended) — SOC& 201 (5cr) Social Problems: Diversity	(Social Science) (5cr) (recommended) — POLS& 202 (5cr) United States Government	(Humanities) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — CMST& 210 (5cr) Interpersonal Communication: Diversity; CMST& 220 (5cr) Public Speaking; CMST& 230 (5cr) Small Group Communication: Diversity; CMST 240 (5cr) Intercultural Communication: Diversity	(Humanities) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — HUM (5cr) Any HUM course; IIS (5cr) Any IIS course; PHIL (5cr) Any PHIL course	(Natural Science with Lab) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — BIOL& 160 (5cr) General Biology w/Lab; BIOL& 175 (5cr) Human Biology w/Lab; BOT 101 (5cr) Introduction to Botany; ENVS 103 (5cr) Climate and Energy Solution w/Lab; OCEA& 101 (5cr) Introduction to Oceanology w/Lab	(Natural Science) Choose One: (5cr) (recommended) — ANTH& 205 (5cr) Biological Anthropology; ENVS 102 (5cr) Climate Change and Society; MATH& 146 (5cr) Introduction to Statistics; NUTR& 101 (5cr) Nutrition	

***Cross-listed course. Students should enroll using the prefix of their preferred discipline.