

# TRANSFER GUIDE FOR OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Major Offered Through:

CORVALLIS

ECAMPUS

**Blue Mountain  
Community College**

## Public Policy

Public policy is a discipline that seeks evidence-based solutions to the complex issues impacting our communities, such as climate change, student debt, mass incarceration, immigration, and more. The major takes an interdisciplinary approach that draws primarily from political science, economics, and sociology. With required specialization in Environmental Policy, Rural Policy, or Social Policy, this major prepares students for careers in the government, nonprofit, or private sectors, as well as graduate studies.

Government is the primary vehicle for creating public policy, but policy decisions are influenced by many actors outside of government, which provides students with a variety of career options. Examples include policy researchers and analysts, legislators or legislative aides, community organizers, public program administrators, lobbyists, consultants, lawyers and paralegals, social services administrators, and more.

## Your Bachelor's Degree (BS) in the College of Liberal Arts



- A minimum of 180 credits are required for graduation; 60 must be upper division (300 and 400-level courses).
- A maximum of 124 credits earned at a community college may be applied toward a bachelor's degree at OSU.
- Only courses with letter prefixes and numbers above 100 can be accepted.
- Some courses can count towards your major and the Bacalaureate Core. Check with your advisor.
- Options available. See "Important Notes".
- See the OSU Catalog for a list of courses required for your major and option: [catalog.oregonstate.edu](http://catalog.oregonstate.edu)

## Courses for this Major (offered at Blue Mountain Community College)

Priority courses to complete before transferring are distinguished by <sup>P</sup>

Requirement	Blue Mountain Course	OSU Courses	Notes
PPOL BS Pre-requisites	EC 201	ECON 201	
PPOL BS Pre-requisites	SOC 204	SOC 204	
PPOL BS Pre-requisites	PS 201 & PS 202	PS 201	Both PS 201 and PS 202 must be taken and passed to be equivalent to OSU's PS 201

## Important Notes & Resources

### Important Notes for the College and Major:

- Grade requirements can vary; refer to your OSU advisor.
- See a sample degree plan by searching "Public Policy" at [admissions.oregonstate.edu/find-your-major](https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/find-your-major)
- Other similar majors to explore: Political Science, Sociology, Economics
- PS 201, SOC 204, ECON 201, and some Baccalaureate Core are priority courses to complete before transferring to OSU.
- Talk with an OSU advisor about your specific timeline for the best time to transfer.
- It is important to speak with your OSU advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

### Resources and OSU Information:

- Students do not have to complete a transfer degree in order to transfer to OSU.
  - If you've completed the Oregon AAOT, all requirements of the Baccalaureate Core are complete except for Synthesis Courses and Writing Intensive Courses.
- Preparing to apply to OSU? See admissions info: [oregonstate.edu/admissions/transfer.html](https://oregonstate.edu/admissions/transfer.html)
- Want to take classes at both OSU and an Oregon community college simultaneously? Check out the Degree Partnership Program: [partnerships.oregonstate.edu/students](https://partnerships.oregonstate.edu/students)
- Visit OSU for a campus tour and meet with an advisor; schedule your visit at [visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus](https://visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus)

## General Education Courses (called the Baccalaureate Core)

- Complete one course in each Perspectives category with no more than two in the same department.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Baccalaureate Core, please refer to [admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-blue-mountain-community-college](https://admissions.oregonstate.edu/baccalaureate-core-course-equivalencies-blue-mountain-community-college)

<b>SKILLS COURSES</b>	Math Writing I Writing II Speech (Writing III) Fitness	Many options, see BaccCore link above WR 121. Required to transfer Many options, see BaccCore link above Many options, see BaccCore link above HPE 295
<b>PERSPECTIVE COURSES</b>	Biological Science Physical Science Additional Biological or Physical Science Cultural Diversity Literature and the Arts Social Processes and Institutions Western Culture	Many options, see BaccCore link above Many options, see BaccCore link above Many options, see BaccCore link above Many options, see BaccCore link above Many options, see BaccCore link above Many options, see BaccCore link above Many options, see BaccCore link above
<b>DPD COURSE</b>	Difference, Power, & Discrimination	Many options, see BaccCore link above
<b>SYNTHESIS COURSES</b>	Contemporary Global Issues Science, Technology, & Society	Upper division course, take through OSU Upper division course, take through OSU

## Liberal Arts Core

- Additional 15 credit minimum core of classes for all Liberal Arts majors. Classes from the major department may not be used.
- For full listing of courses that fulfill Liberal Arts Core, please refer to your advisor.

<b>FINE ARTS CORE</b>	At least 3 credits	Refer to advisor
<b>NON-WESTERN CORE</b>	At least 3 credits	Refer to advisor
<b>HUMANITIES CORE</b>	At least 3 credits	Refer to advisor
<b>SOCIAL CORE</b>	At least 3 credits	Refer to advisor

## BS Degree Requirements

**BS Requirement:** A minimum 15-credit block of science, computer science, and quantitative studies

For more details and a full list of courses, visit <https://catalog.oregonstate.edu/college-departments/liberal-arts/#collegerequirementstext>

## Advising Contacts

It is important to speak with your OSU academic advisor early on, and often, to ensure correct course selection and sequencing.

Academic advisors at your community college and OSU are available to answer your questions and assist you in creating a transfer plan. **See your community college advisor first and use this Transfer Guide to help you plan.** Also, consider visiting OSU to take a campus tour and meet with an advisor. See [visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus](https://visitosu.oregonstate.edu/visit-campus) to schedule your personalized visit.

<b>Blue Mountain Community College</b>	<a href="https://www.bluecc.edu/enrollment-services/advising">https://www.bluecc.edu/enrollment-services/advising</a>
<b>OSU Public Policy</b>	<a href="https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/ppol/students-advising/bspp-advising">https://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/ppol/students-advising/bspp-advising</a>
<b>OSU College of Liberal Arts Main Office</b>	<a href="mailto:liberalarts@oregonstate.edu">liberalarts@oregonstate.edu</a>