

SMCC AA Liberal Studies to USM BA Political Science (International Studies Track)

The following Transfer Map highlights the Pathway that leads a student from an Associates in Liberal Studies at SMCC to a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science (International Track) at USM. The information is pulled from the Maine System’s transfer tool and the 2023-2024 academic course catalogs at SMCC and USM. The map will be updated each academic year if any changes are made to the course equivalencies listed here. Students following this map should monitor for updates.

The key directions:

- SMCC students should follow their Liberal Studies degree audit sheet.
- Every course on the audit sheet that is completed with a C- or better earns the same number of credits at USM—the equivalent USM courses and credits will later appear on your USM transcript.
- The SMCC Liberal Studies degree has 62 credits. Another 58 credits will be required at USM to earn the USM Political Science degree. The 58 USM credits will be a combination of Political Science major requirements and general electives.
- An SMCC student can begin satisfying USM Political requirements by taking the Political Science classes identified in **STEP 2** below as electives within the SMCC Liberal Studies major.
- An SMCC Liberal Studies degree waives the student’s academic Core requirements at USM.

STEP 1–The SMCC Coursework

Course at SMCC	SMCC Code	Course at USM	USM Code	Credits
English Composition	ENGL 100	College Writing	ENG 100	3
Introduction to Literature	ENGL 115	Reading Literature	ENG 140	3
Student Success	FIGS 100	General Elective	GEL 1XX	1
Math Elective		Every class and credit on the Liberal Studies audit sheet will transfer to USM as a USM class and credit—either as a required class for the Political major or as a general elective that helps achieve the required 120 credits total. These will be posted after acceptance at USM.		3
Science Elective				4
Art or Music Elective				3
Psychology/Sociology Elective				3
Economics/Political Science Elective				3
Humanities Elective				3
English Communications Elective				3
Diversity Elective				3
Ethical Reasoning Elective				3
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective				3
History Elective				3
Liberal Studies Electives				12
Free Electives				9
A student following this sequence would earn an Associates in Arts in Liberal Studies from SMCC and would have 62 transferable credits to USM.				62

STEP 2–The USM Coursework

The following chart details the 42 credits of Political Science (International Studies Track) requirements that would remain at USM for a student who has completed the above coursework. A student can satisfy 12 of these 42 credits at SMCC by completing them within the elective credits of the SMCC Liberal Studies degree.

USM CLASS	Credits	SMCC CLASS	Credits
REQUIRED COURSES–15 CREDITS			
HTY 101 - Origins of Mediterranean Civilizations to 750 CE	3	HIST 120- World History to 1500	3
ECO 101 - Introduction to Macroeconomics	3	ECON 125- Macroeconomics	3
POS 104 - Introduction to International Relations	3	POLS 110- Intro International Relations	3
POS 203 - Introduction to Political Science Research	3	NA	
POS 205 - Introduction to Comparative Politics	3	POLS 205- Comparative Politics	3
ELECTIVES– 12 CREDITS			
POS 209 - The Global Politics of Soccer	3	NA	
POS 245 - French Politics and Government	3	NA	
POS 280 - Issues Before the United Nations	3	NA	
POS 310 - Internet and Politics	3	NA	
POS 312 - The Politics of Nuclear Weapons	3	NA	
POS 333 - Theories of Democratization	3	NA	
POS 335 - European Politics	3	NA	
POS 338 - Social Media and Revolutions	3	NA	
POS 349 - The Middle East in International Politics	3	NA	
POS 374 - United States Foreign Policy	3	NA	
POS 380 - Topics (dependent on topic) (dependent on topic)	1-3	NA	
POS 405 - The European Union	3	NA	
POS 445 - MeMUNC Conference Planners	3	NA	
POS 480 - International Affairs Internship	6	NA	
ELECTIVES IN OTHER PROGRAMS	12	NA	
Language Requirement	3	NA	
Total Political Science Credits required by USM	42	USM Political Science Credits Possible at SMCC	12
Political Science Credits to be earned at USM			30-42
General Elective Credits to be Earned at USM			16-28
Total Credits for the USM Political Science Degree			120

A student that completes at least 30 credits at SMCC, but did not earn an SMCC degree, may do a **Reverse Transfer** by sending credits earned at USM “back” to SMCC.

The coursework listed here assumes a student has earned an AA in Liberal Studies, which waives the USM Core requirements.