

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

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The International Politics and Foreign Policy certificate for undergraduates allows students to specialize in international politics and foreign policy, engaging topics and methods essential for graduate study in international relations and for successful careers in the field. More broadly, this certificate is useful to students in any discipline who expect to work or study abroad in the future or who plan to work in a field with significant international dimensions, potentially from business and economics to public health and engineering. One of the unique attributes of this certificate is that it dispenses with the traditional and well-worn “capstone”, and instead emphasizes independent and experiential learning and coursework in order to best meet the needs of students seeking job-relevant skills and looking to prepare for graduate school.

Program Delivery

- The certificate can be earned through a mix of on-campus and online courses.

Declaring This Certificate

- Any undergraduate admitted to CU Denver in a degree-seeking or non-degree seeking program may pursue this certificate.
- To declare this certificate, students must meet with the Political Science Department advising faculty.

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with their International Politics and Foreign Policy certificate advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

Program Requirements

- Students must complete 12 credit hours from the approved courses.
- Students must complete six credit hours of upper division (3000 or 4000 level) level courses.

- Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the certificate GPA. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
- All courses in this certificate must be taken in residency at CU Denver.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Complete one of the following required courses:</i>		3
PSCI 3022	Political Systems of the World	
	or PSCI 3042 World Politics	
	or PSCI 4126 Politics, Power, and Profit	
	or INTS 202C Foundations of International Studies	
<i>Complete two of the following elective courses-substitutions may be approved by the program advisor: ¹</i>		6
<i>International Politics, Law, and Culture</i>		
PSCI 4002	Topics in Political Science	
PSCI 4105	Comparative Politics: Europe	
PSCI 4115	Third World Politics	
PSCI 4144	Indigenous Political Systems	
PSCI 4146	Indigenous Politics	
PSCI 4150	Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism	
PSCI 4155	Political Systems of the Middle East and North Africa	
PSCI 4156	The Arab-Israeli Peace Process	
PSCI 4186	East Asia in World Affairs	
PSCI 4195	Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa	
PSCI 4215	Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives	
PSCI 4216	International Politics: Human Rights	
PSCI 4224	Dictatorships in 21st Century	
PSCI 4225	Democracy and Democratization	
PSCI 4266	International Law	
PSCI 4276	Conflicts and Rights in International Law	
PSCI 4280	The Politics of War Law	
PSCI 4505	Political System of Russia and Its Neighbors	
PSCI 4550	The Irish Diaspora	
PSCI 4605	Politics and Governments of South Asia	
PSCI 4615	Politics and Government of China	
PSCI 4726	Seminar on U.S. and China Relations	
PSCI 4736	The Middle East in World Affairs	
<i>Foreign Policy and National Security</i>		
PSCI 3050	Islamophobia	
PSCI 4185	Corruption in the U.S. and Abroad	
PSCI 4226	The United Nations in World Affairs	
PSCI 4236	American Foreign Policy	
PSCI 4237	American National Security	
PSCI 4240	International Security	
PSCI 4280	The Politics of War Law	
PSCI 4286	International Relations: War or Peace?	
PSCI 4437	Coercion and the State	
PSCI 4807	Political Violence	

PSCI 4808	Strategies of Peacebuilding	
PSCI 4878	War, Film, and International Law	
<i>Political Economy, Development, and Inequality</i>		
PSCI 2365	Politics of Climate Change	
PSCI 4001	Theories of Capitalism	
PSCI 4085	Comparative Governance: Environment and Society	
PSCI 4025	Local Governance and Globalization	
PSCI 4115	Third World Politics	
PSCI 4146	Indigenous Politics	
PSCI 4150	Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism	
PSCI 4155	Political Systems of the Middle East and North Africa	
PSCI 4186	East Asia in World Affairs	
PSCI 4195	Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa	
PSCI 4215	Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives	
PSCI 4248	Gender, Development and Globalization	
PSCI 4265	Social Justice And Globalization	
PSCI 4340	Advanced International Political Economy: Global Supply Chain	
PSCI 4365	Global Ecological Crises	
<i>Complete three credit hours from one of the following capstone experiences:</i>		3
PSCI 3840	Independent Study: PSCI	
PSCI 3939	Internship	
PSCI 4840	Independent Study: PSCI	
PSCI 4880	Directed Research	
PSCI 4995	Global Study Topics	
Total Hours		12

¹ Students are advised to complete elective courses in one of the three thematic pathways.

Students who complete the International Politics and Foreign Policy certificate will build knowledge and skills around the following five learning objectives:

1. Explore international issue areas, central debates, and the politics of specific countries and regions.
2. Analyze actors, institutions, and relationships within and among countries and regions of the world.
3. Apply international relations theories and methods, and use them to evaluate policy interventions and programming in the international arena.
4. Build new solutions to the world's most pressing problems.
5. Develop and refine key intellectual and academic skills, including the ability to use these skills independently and/or in professional contexts: reading, research, writing, critical and analytical thinking.