

# POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

## Introduction

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/>) to see Political Science department information.

Courses are distributed among the primary fields as listed in this section, i.e., American politics, comparative politics, international relations, political theory and public policy and administration.

These degree 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 major advisor and CLAS advisor to confirm the best plans of study before finalizing them.

## Program Delivery

- This program can be completed online or on-campus.

## Declaring This Major

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/#policiestext>) to go to information about declaring a major.

## General Requirements

To earn a degree, students must satisfy all requirements in each of the areas below, in addition to their individual major requirements.

- CU Denver General Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation/>)
- CU Denver Core Curriculum (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/graduation-undergraduate-core-requirements/>)
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/#graduationrequirementstext>)
- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

## Program Requirements

- Students must complete a minimum of 39 credit hours, from approved courses.
- Students must complete a minimum of 21 upper division (3000-level and above) credit hours from approved courses.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to program requirements.

- Students must complete a minimum of 15 PSCI credit hours with CU Denver faculty.

## Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations

- Exceptions to the Experiential Learning Requirement

- In lieu of taking one of the identified courses, students may complete a substantial experiential learning project in a different PSCI class. The course instructor must certify with a written submission to the departmental undergraduate advisor that the experiential learning project in that course fulfills the departmental experiential learning requirement.
- Students with preexisting significant political or civic engagement experience in the community (i.e., community and civic leadership work, or work with government agencies, on political campaigns, or in non-governmental organizations) or for whom the experiential learning requirement poses a hardship may petition the undergraduate advisor to waive the requirement.
- Note:** In either of these cases of exception to the Experiential Learning coursework requirement, 39 total credit hours in political science are still required for graduation.

| Code   | Title  | Hours |
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| <b>Complete the following program requirements:</b>  |  |       |
| <i>Complete the following required courses:</i>  |  | 9     |
| PSCI 1001  | Introduction to Political Science: The Quest for Freedom and Justice |       |
| PSCI 1101  | American Political System  |       |
| PSCI 2011  | Logic of Political Inquiry <sup>1</sup>                              |       |
| <i>Complete two Political Theory courses from the approved course list:</i>                                    |  | 6     |
| Political Theory (p. 2)  |  |       |
| <i>Complete one American Politics course from the approved course list:</i>                                    |  | 3     |
| American Politics (p. 2)   |  |       |
| <i>Complete one Comparative Politics course from the approved course list:</i>                                 |  | 3     |
| Comparative Politics (p. 2)  |  |       |
| <i>Complete one International Politics course from the approved course list:</i>                               |  | 3     |
| International Politics (p. 2)  |  |       |
| <i>Complete nine additional Political Science (PSCI) elective credit hours.</i>                                |  | 9     |
| <i>Complete a minimum of three credit hours from the following Experiential Learning courses: <sup>2</sup></i> |  | 3     |
| PSCI 3000  | Topics: Conference Participation                                     |       |
| PSCI 3840  | Independent Study: PSCI  |       |
| PSCI 3914  | The Urban Citizen  |       |
| PSCI 3939  | Internship   |       |
| PSCI 4840  | Independent Study: PSCI  |       |
| PSCI 4880  | Directed Research  |       |
| PSCI 4914  | Community Organizing and Community Development                       |       |
| PSCI 4934  | CU at the Capitol  |       |
| PSCI 4995  | Global Study Topics  |       |
| <i>Complete the Political Science Capstone course, after completing at least 27 credit hours in the major.</i> |  | 3     |

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| PSCI 4960          | Capstone in Political Science |
| <b>Total Hours</b> | <b>39</b>                     |

<sup>1</sup> This course must be taken by all majors as part of their first 24 credit hours in the program. If this requirement poses a hardship due to such issues as late-declaring majors, scheduling problems, or students transferring in multiple credits, please contact the Department undergraduate advisor to craft a solution.

<sup>2</sup> See exceptions under program restrictions, allowances and recommendations above.

## Political Theory

| Code                                  | Title                                   | Hours    |
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| <i>Complete two of the following:</i> |   | <b>6</b> |
| PSCI 4001                             | Theories of Capitalism                  |          |
| PSCI 4057                             | Religion and Politics                   |          |
| PSCI 4207                             | Theories of Social and Political Change |          |
| PSCI 4407                             | Early Political Thought                 |          |
| PSCI 4417                             | Modern Political Thought                |          |
| PSCI 4427                             | Law, Politics and Justice               |          |
| PSCI 4437                             | Coercion and the State                  |          |
| PSCI 4457                             | American Political Thought              |          |
| PSCI 4564                             | Gender and Politics                     |          |

## American Politics

| Code                                 | Title  | Hours    |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------|
| <i>Complete one of the following</i> |  | <b>3</b> |
| PSCI 3034                            | Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy          |          |
| PSCI 3035                            | Political Movements: Race and Gender         |          |
| PSCI 3064                            | Power and Empowerment in the United States   |          |
| PSCI 3214                            | Federal Law and American Indians             |          |
| PSCI 3347                            | Film and Politics                            |          |
| PSCI 3914                            | The Urban Citizen                            |          |
| PSCI 4009                            | Politics of the Budgetary Process            |          |
| PSCI 4014                            | Media and Politics                           |          |
| PSCI 4024                            | State Politics: Focus Colorado               |          |
| PSCI 4025                            | Local Governance and Globalization           |          |
| PSCI 4034                            | Political Parties and Pressure Groups        |          |
| PSCI 4044                            | The Presidency                               |          |
| PSCI 4074                            | Urban Politics, Planning, and Development    |          |
| PSCI 4075                            | Gentrification and Social Equity             |          |
| PSCI 4084                            | Local Government and Administration          |          |
| PSCI 4094                            | Seminar: American Politics                   |          |
| PSCI 4124                            | Denver Politics                              |          |
| PSCI 4236                            | American Foreign Policy                      |          |
| PSCI 4237                            | American National Security                   |          |
| PSCI 4330                            | U.S. Health Policy                           |          |
| PSCI 4354                            | Environmental Politics                       |          |
| PSCI 4414                            | Non-Profits and Social Change                |          |
| PSCI 4444                            | Contemporary Culture and Politics in America |          |
| PSCI 4477                            | Constitutional Law I                         |          |
| PSCI 4487                            | Constitutional Law II                        |          |
| PSCI 4494                            | Judicial Politics                            |          |

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| PSCI 4535 | Labor and Working Class Politics               |
| PSCI 4545 | Immigration Politics                           |
| PSCI 4554 | Chicano and Latino Politics                    |
| PSCI 4726 | Seminar on U.S. and China Relations            |
| PSCI 4827 | Women and the Law                              |
| PSCI 4837 | Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties         |
| PSCI 4914 | Community Organizing and Community Development |
| PSCI 4934 | CU at the Capitol                              |

## Comparative Politics

| Code                                  | Title   | Hours    |
|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| <i>Complete one of the following*</i> |   | <b>3</b> |
| PSCI 3022                             | Political Systems of the World                                    |          |
| PSCI 4085                             | Comparative Governance: Environment and Society                   |          |
| 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 4165                             | Islamic Politics and Culture                                      |          |
| PSCI 4186                             | East Asia in World Affairs  |          |
| PSCI 4195                             | Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa                           |          |
| PSCI 4206                             | Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics                   |          |
| PSCI 4215                             | Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives                 |          |
| PSCI 4225                             | Democracy and Democratization                                     |          |
| PSCI 4245                             | Populist Movements around the World                               |          |
| PSCI 4248                             | Gender, Development and Globalization                             |          |
| PSCI 4265                             | Social Justice And Globalization                                  |          |
| PSCI 4446                             | Advanced Indigenous Peoples' Politics                             |          |
| PSCI 4505                             | Political System of Russia and Its Neighbors                      |          |
| PSCI 4555                             | International Women's Resistance                                  |          |
| PSCI 4605                             | Politics and Governments of South Asia                            |          |
| PSCI 4615                             | Politics and Government of China                                  |          |
| PSCI 4645                             | Comparative Political Leadership                                  |          |
| PSCI 4807                             | Political Violence  |          |
| PSCI 4914                             | Community Organizing and Community Development                    |          |
| PSCI 4995                             | Global Study Topics   |          |

## International Politics

| Code                                 | Title                                      | Hours    |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------|
| <i>Complete one of the following</i> |  | <b>3</b> |
| PSCI 3042                            | World Politics                             |          |
| PSCI 3050                            | Islamophobia                               |          |
| PSCI 3064                            | Power and Empowerment in the United States |          |
| PSCI 4025                            | Local Governance and Globalization         |          |
| PSCI 4105                            | Comparative Politics: Europe               |          |

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| PSCI 4115 | Third World Politics  |
| PSCI 4126 | Politics, Power, and Profit                                       |
| 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 4165 | Islamic Politics and Culture                                      |
| PSCI 4176 | Civil Resistance in Theory and Practice                           |
| PSCI 4185 | Corruption in the U.S. and Abroad                                 |
| PSCI 4186 | East Asia in World Affairs  |
| PSCI 4195 | Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa                           |
| PSCI 4206 | Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics                   |
| 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 4226 | The United Nations in World Affairs                               |
| PSCI 4235 | Politics and Markets in Latin America                             |
| PSCI 4236 | American Foreign Policy   |
| PSCI 4237 | American National Security  |
| PSCI 4240 | International Security  |
| PSCI 4248 | Gender, Development and Globalization                             |
| PSCI 4265 | Social Justice And Globalization                                  |
| PSCI 4266 | International Law   |
| PSCI 4274 | Conflict Resolution and Public Consent Building                   |
| PSCI 4276 | Conflicts and Rights in International Law                         |
| PSCI 4280 | The Politics of War Law   |
| PSCI 4286 | International Relations: War or Peace?                            |
| PSCI 4326 | Advanced International Political Economy: Globalization           |
| PSCI 4365 | Global Ecological Crises  |
| PSCI 4446 | Advanced Indigenous Peoples' Politics                             |
| PSCI 4505 | Political System of Russia and Its Neighbors                      |
| PSCI 4555 | International Women's Resistance                                  |
| 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                                  |
| PSCI 4807 | Political Violence  |
| PSCI 4808 | Strategies of Peacebuilding                                       |
| PSCI 4878 | War, Film, and International Law                                  |
| PSCI 4995 | Global Study Topics   |

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