

# 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. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. 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

### 1. 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
<b>Complete the following program requirements:</b>		
<i>Complete the following required courses:</i>		<b>9</b>
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>		<b>6</b>
Political Theory (p. 2)		
<i>Complete one American Politics course from the approved course list:</i>		<b>3</b>
American Politics (p. 2)		
<i>Complete one Comparative Politics course from the approved course list:</i>		<b>3</b>
Comparative Politics (p. 2)		
<i>Complete one International Politics course from the approved course list:</i>		<b>3</b>
International Politics (p. 2)		
<i>Complete nine additional Political Science (PSCI) elective credit hours.</i>		<b>9</b>
<i>Complete a minimum of three credit hours from the following Experiential Learning courses: <sup>2</sup></i>		<b>3</b>
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>		<b>3</b>

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
<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	

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	

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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To review the Degree Map for this program, please visit our website (<https://www.ucdenver.edu/student/advising/undergraduate/degree-maps/clas/>).