POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA WITH SECONDARY TEACHING LICENSURE ENDORSEMENT

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.

Political science focuses on fundamental questions that go to the heart of the human experience. Political science students study critical issues such as war and peace, international affairs, environmental challenges, poverty and racism, and the struggles of oppressed peoples. Such study prepares students for various careers by building analytical and writing skills while encouraging independent thought, respect, and interest in current affairs. Graduates commonly work in fields such as law and government, nonprofit organizations, teaching, journalism, international organizations, business, and election campaigns.

The Political Science department prepares students for informed and creative activism by providing them an opportunity to develop analytical skills. The program incorporates historical, quantitative, experimental, ethnographic, psychological, and creative methodologies while aiming to sensitize students to the essential questions of politics and life. Many of our graduates are community organizers, attorneys or public servants in local, state or federal government. We have become nationally known for our programs in indigenous politics, international human rights, and inner-city community development. Students will find ample opportunity to explore the innovative community engagement programs while receiving real-world experience in a variety of professional and community settings.

The secondary licensure program is a partnership program between the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the School of Education & Human Development (SEHD). Secondary Education Licensure students choose a major within CLAS and complete all CORE, CLAS, major, and initial teacher education admission requirements before completing a final professional year of licensure coursework through the SEHD.

Program Delivery
• This is an on-campus program.

Declaring This Major
• Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/records-registration/registration/declare-change-major-minor/) 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/general-graduation-requirements/)
• 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/graduation-requirements)
• Click here (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/) for information about Academic Policies

Program Requirements
1. Students must complete a minimum of 39 PSCI credit hours. Students must complete courses to prepare for the Social Studies Praxis exam and complete SEHD teacher licensure requirements.

2. Students must complete a minimum of 21 upper division (3000-level and above) PSCI credit hours.

3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver 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. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.

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

Program Restrictions, Allowances and Recommendations
Students are responsible for meeting with the advisor in the SEHD to confirm teacher education and licensure requirements. In addition to completing all minimum program requirements above, SEHD secondary education students must complete the following minimum SEHD licensure (http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/school-education-human-development/education-human-development/secondary-education-licensure-clas-major-pathway/#text) requirements:

1. Complete the Education Declaration form and all subsequent processes and requirements, including a background check, prior to April 1st (for students intending to complete their clinical field experience in fall) or November 1st (for students intending to complete their clinical field experience in spring). Students must meet with the SEHD advisor for detailed information.

2. Student pursuing secondary education licensure must complete the following requirements to be admitted to the Professional (final) Year:
   a. a minimum cumulative CU GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students with a lower GPA may be considered under certain conditions.
   b. all CU Denver Core, CLAS, major, electives, and initial teacher education coursework requirements prior to the start of the Professional Year.
   c. the official application and interview process.
   d. Deadlines for Professional Year application are March 1st (for students intending to begin Professional Year in fall) or October 1st (for students intending to begin Professional Year in spring).

3. Students must complete all initial teacher education and professional (final) year coursework with a minimum grade of B- or higher.

4. Students must pass the appropriate Praxis exam before the start of the second semester of the Professional Year.
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¹ 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.

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**Take the following course after completing at least 27 credit hours in the major.**

**Capstone**

In order to prepare for the Social Studies Praxis exam, students should take all of the following courses:

These courses will also count toward Political Science CU Denver and CLAS graduation requirements, as identified.

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* ANTH 1303 Introduction to Biological Anthropology Will count as CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab. ANTH 2102 Culture and the Human Experience will count toward either CU Denver Behavioral Science or CLAS Behavioral Science.
**Economics**

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* Will count as CU Denver Core Social Sciences or CLAS Social Science.

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* GEOG 102 Introduction to Physical Geography will count as CLAS Nat/Phys Science without lab and GEOG 1102 will count as CU Denver Core Social Science or CLAS Social Science.

**History**

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* HIST 1361 U.S. History to 1876 and HIST 1362 U.S. History Since 1876 will fulfill the CU Denver Core Humanities and the CLAS Humanities requirements.

**Political Science**

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* PSCI 3022 Political Systems of the World or PSCI 3042 Introduction to International Relations will count as CU Denver Core International Perspectives.

PSCI 3034 Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy or PSCI 3035 Political Movements: Race and Gender will count as CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity.

**Psychology**

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**SEHD Licensure Coursework Requirements**


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