

POLITICAL SCIENCE, BA

Introduction

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

- 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.

Required Courses

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take the following</i>		
PSCI 1001	Introduction to Political Science: The Quest for Freedom and Justice	3
PSCI 1101	American Political System	3
PSCI 2011	Logic of Political Inquiry ¹	3

- 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.

Political Theory

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take two of the following:</i>		
PSCI 4057	Religion and Politics	3
PSCI 4207	Theories of Social and Political Change	3
PSCI 4407	Early Political Thought	3
PSCI 4417	Modern Political Thought	3
PSCI 4427	Law, Politics and Justice	3
PSCI 4437	Coercion and the State	3
PSCI 4457	American Political Thought	3
PSCI 4564	Gender and Politics	3

American Politics

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take one of the following</i>		
PSCI 3034	Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy	3
PSCI 3035	Political Movements: Race and Gender	3

PSCI 3064	Power and Empowerment in the United States	3
PSCI 3214	Federal Law and American Indians	3
PSCI 3347	Film and Politics	3
PSCI 3914	The Urban Citizen	3
PSCI 4009	Politics of the Budgetary Process	3
PSCI 4014	Media and Politics	3
PSCI 4024	State Politics: Focus Colorado	3
PSCI 4025	Local Governance and Globalization	3
PSCI 4034	Political Parties and Pressure Groups	3
PSCI 4044	The Presidency	3
PSCI 4074	Urban Politics	3
PSCI 4075	Gentrification and Social Equity	3
PSCI 4084	Local Government and Administration	3
PSCI 4094	Seminar: American Politics	3
PSCI 4124	Denver Politics	3
PSCI 4236	American Foreign Policy	3
PSCI 4237	American National Security	3
PSCI 4330	U.S. Health Policy	3
PSCI 4354	Environmental Politics	3
PSCI 4414	Non-Profits and Social Change	3
PSCI 4444	Contemporary Culture and Politics in America	3
PSCI 4477	Constitutional Law I	3
PSCI 4487	Constitutional Law II	3
PSCI 4494	Judicial Politics	3
PSCI 4535	Labor and Working Class Politics	3
PSCI 4545	Immigration Politics	3
PSCI 4554	Chicano and Latino Politics	3
PSCI 4726	Seminar on U.S. and China Relations	3
PSCI 4827	Women and the Law	3
PSCI 4837	Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties	3
PSCI 4914	Community Organizing and Community Development	3

Comparative Politics

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take one of the following*</i>		3
PSCI 3022	Political Systems of the World	3
PSCI 4085	Comparative Governance: Environment and Society	3
PSCI 4105	Comparative Politics: Europe	3
PSCI 4115	Third World Politics	3
PSCI 4144	Indigenous Political Systems	3
PSCI 4146	Indigenous Politics	3
PSCI 4150	Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism	3
PSCI 4155	Political Systems of the Middle East and North Africa	3
PSCI 4156	The Arab-Israeli Peace Process	3
PSCI 4165	Islamic Politics and Culture	3
PSCI 4186	East Asia in World Affairs	3
PSCI 4195	Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa	3
PSCI 4206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics	3

PSCI 4215	Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives	3
PSCI 4225	Democracy and Democratization	3
PSCI 4248	Gender, Globalization and Development	3
PSCI 4265	Social Justice And Globalization	3
PSCI 4446	Advanced Indigenous Peoples' Politics	3
PSCI 4505	Political System of Russia and Its Neighbors	3
PSCI 4555	International Women's Resistance	3
PSCI 4605	Politics and Governments of South Asia	3
PSCI 4615	Politics and Government of China	3
PSCI 4645	Comparative Political Leadership	3
PSCI 4807	Political Violence	3
PSCI 4914	Community Organizing and Community Development	3

* The faculty are currently developing **PSCI 4245, Populist Movements Around the World**, and intend to offer it starting Spring 2022. PSCI 4245 will count toward the Comparative Politics distribution area.

International Politics

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Take one of the following</i>		3
PSCI 3042	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSCI 3050	Islamophobia	3
PSCI 3064	Power and Empowerment in the United States	3
PSCI 4025	Local Governance and Globalization	3
PSCI 4105	Comparative Politics: Europe	3
PSCI 4115	Third World Politics	3
PSCI 4126	Introduction to International Political Economy	3
PSCI 4144	Indigenous Political Systems	3
PSCI 4146	Indigenous Politics	3
PSCI 4150	Gender Politics in the Middle East: Beyond Orientalism & Islamism	3
PSCI 4155	Political Systems of the Middle East and North Africa	3
PSCI 4156	The Arab-Israeli Peace Process	3
PSCI 4165	Islamic Politics and Culture	3
PSCI 4176	Gandhi's Legacy: Non-Violent Resistance Today	3
PSCI 4185	Corruption in the U.S. and Abroad	3
PSCI 4186	East Asia in World Affairs	3
PSCI 4195	Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa	3
PSCI 4206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics	3
PSCI 4215	Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives	3
PSCI 4216	International Politics: Human Rights	3
PSCI 4224	Dictatorships in 21st Century	3
PSCI 4225	Democracy and Democratization	3
PSCI 4226	The United Nations in World Affairs	3
PSCI 4235	Politics and Markets in Latin America	3
PSCI 4236	American Foreign Policy	3
PSCI 4237	American National Security	3
PSCI 4240	International Security	3
PSCI 4248	Gender, Globalization and Development	3

PSCI 4265	Social Justice And Globalization	3	PSCI 3064	Power and Empowerment in the United States	3
PSCI 4266	International Law	3	PSCI 3214	Federal Law and American Indians	3
PSCI 4274	Conflict Resolution and Public Consent Building	3	PSCI 3347	Film and Politics	3
PSCI 4276	Conflicts and Rights in International Law	3	PSCI 3914	The Urban Citizen	3
PSCI 4280	The Politics of War Law	3	PSCI 4002	Topics in Political Science	3
PSCI 4286	International Relations: War or Peace?	3	PSCI 4009	Politics of the Budgetary Process	3
PSCI 4326	Advanced International Political Economy: Globalization	3	PSCI 4011	GIS in Political Science	3
PSCI 4365	Global Ecological Crises	3	PSCI 4014	Media and Politics	3
PSCI 4446	Advanced Indigenous Peoples' Politics	3	PSCI 4024	State Politics: Focus Colorado	3
PSCI 4505	Political System of Russia and Its Neighbors	3	PSCI 4025	Local Governance and Globalization	3
PSCI 4555	International Women's Resistance	3	PSCI 4034	Political Parties and Pressure Groups	3
PSCI 4605	Politics and Governments of South Asia	3	PSCI 4044	The Presidency	3
PSCI 4615	Politics and Government of China	3	PSCI 4057	Religion and Politics	3
PSCI 4726	Seminar on U.S. and China Relations	3	PSCI 4074	Urban Politics	3
PSCI 4736	The Middle East in World Affairs	3	PSCI 4075	Gentrification and Social Equity	3
PSCI 4807	Political Violence	3	PSCI 4084	Local Government and Administration	3
PSCI 4808	Strategies of Peacebuilding	3	PSCI 4085	Comparative Governance: Environment and Society	3
PSCI 4878	War, Film, and International Law	3	PSCI 4094	Seminar: American Politics	3
			PSCI 4105	Comparative Politics: Europe	3
			PSCI 4115	Third World Politics	3
			PSCI 4124	Denver Politics	3
			PSCI 4126	Introduction to International Political Economy	3
			PSCI 4144	Indigenous Political Systems	3
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			PSCI 4216	International Politics: Human Rights	3
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			PSCI 4225	Democracy and Democratization	3
			PSCI 4226	The United Nations in World Affairs	3
			PSCI 4235	Politics and Markets in Latin America	3
			PSCI 4236	American Foreign Policy	3
			PSCI 4237	American National Security	3
			PSCI 4240	International Security	3
			PSCI 4248	Gender, Globalization and Development	3
			PSCI 4265	Social Justice And Globalization	3
			PSCI 4266	International Law	3
			PSCI 4274	Conflict Resolution and Public Consent Building	3
			PSCI 4276	Conflicts and Rights in International Law	3
			PSCI 4280	The Politics of War Law	3

Experiential Learning

Code	Title	Hours
	<i>Take one of the following Experiential Learning courses</i> ²	3
PSCI 2939	Internship	1-3
PSCI 3000	Topics: Conference Participation	1
PSCI 3840	Independent Study: PSCI	1-3
PSCI 3914	The Urban Citizen	3
PSCI 3939	Internship	1-9
PSCI 4840	Independent Study: PSCI	1-3
PSCI 4880	Directed Research	1-6
PSCI 4914	Community Organizing and Community Development	3
PSCI 4934	CU at the Capitol	3
PSCI 4995	Global Study Topics	1-3

² See the exception policy under program restrictions, allowances and recommendations above.

Electives

Code	Title	Hours
	<i>Take three additional Political Science(PSCI) elective courses.</i>	9
PSCI 2001	Topics in Political Science	1-3
PSCI 2006	Global Political Issues	3
PSCI 2365	Politics of Climate Change	3
PSCI 2410	Political Science through Science Fiction	3
PSCI 3000	Topics: Conference Participation	1
PSCI 3002	Topics in Political Science	1-3
PSCI 3011	Research Methods	3
PSCI 3022	Political Systems of the World	3
PSCI 3034	Race, Gender, Law and Public Policy	3
PSCI 3035	Political Movements: Race and Gender	3
PSCI 3042	Introduction to International Relations	3
PSCI 3050	Islamophobia	3
PSCI 4094	Seminar: American Politics	3
PSCI 4105	Comparative Politics: Europe	3
PSCI 4115	Third World Politics	3
PSCI 4124	Denver Politics	3
PSCI 4126	Introduction to International Political Economy	3
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PSCI 4165	Islamic Politics and Culture	3
PSCI 4176	Gandhi's Legacy: Non-Violent Resistance Today	3
PSCI 4185	Corruption in the U.S. and Abroad	3
PSCI 4186	East Asia in World Affairs	3
PSCI 4195	Political Systems of Sub-Saharan Africa	3
PSCI 4206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics	3
PSCI 4207	Theories of Social and Political Change	3
PSCI 4215	Women's Rights, Human Rights: Global Perspectives	3
PSCI 4216	International Politics: Human Rights	3
PSCI 4224	Dictatorships in 21st Century	3
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PSCI 4266	International Law	3
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PSCI 4645	Comparative Political Leadership	3
PSCI 4726	Seminar on U.S. and China Relations	3
PSCI 4736	The Middle East in World Affairs	3
PSCI 4757	Legal Reasoning and Writing	3
PSCI 4807	Political Violence	3
PSCI 4808	Strategies of Peacebuilding	3
PSCI 4827	Women and the Law	3
PSCI 4837	Contemporary Issues in Civil Liberties	3
PSCI 4878	War, Film, and International Law	3
PSCI 4840	Independent Study: PSCI	1-3
PSCI 4880	Directed Research	1-6
PSCI 4914	Community Organizing and Community Development	3
PSCI 4934	CU at the Capitol	3
PSCI 4944	CU in the City	3
PSCI 4995	Global Study Topics	1-3

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

Capstone

Code	Title	Hours
	<i>Take the following course after completing at least 27 credit hours in the major.</i>	3
PSCI 4960	Capstone in Political Science	3

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/polisci/undergraduate/>).