

# PUBLIC, NON-PROFIT AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

## 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.

The CU Denver Political Science Department's Public, Non-Profit and Community Leadership Certificate engages students in a focused curriculum in local public leadership, and in the community organizing and development field, including field placements in internships with local community partners. The certificate is tailored to meet the needs of individuals in public and non-profit positions that require development of their leadership competencies and for individuals in informal community leadership positions who want to build their knowledge, skills, and effectiveness.

The program curriculum is anchored around the study and practice of local civic engagement, especially in traditionally marginalized communities. Students will be connected to meaningful work and networking opportunities in local government or in community settings, through community-based coursework, professional internships and service-learning opportunities. The certificate program provides critical education and effective skills-based training for students seeking careers in local government, in non-profit organizations, or in community organizing and development work. Students will be prepared to become change agents in their communities, while developing possible career paths in community-based advocacy/service organizations, public agencies, or international development work.

The certificate is open to non-degree seeking students (with or without an undergraduate degree) as well as students formally pursuing an undergraduate degree at CU Denver. The Certificate can be earned as a stand-alone University certificate, or it can be applied to a current or future degree program. Non-degree seeking students who successfully complete the certificate program would be allowed to transfer in the credits received in the certificate program to complete the Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

## Program Delivery

- The certificate can be earned either through our traditional on-campus courses, or entirely through classes offered in a weekend intensive format in our New Directions program. Students may take classes in either format desired.

## Admissions and Declaring This Certificate

- Any current or potential student wishing to declare this certificate should schedule a certificate advising appointment with either the Director of the New Directions program or with the Departmental Undergraduate Advisor, in order to register their intent to pursue the Public, Non-Profit and Community Leadership Certificate and to develop a curriculum plan.

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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 Public, Non-Profit and Community Leadership Undergraduate 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 15 credit hours in approved courses.
- Students must complete a minimum of six upper division (3000 level and higher) credit hours from approved coursework.
- 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 credits must be taken in residence at CU Denver.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Complete the following program requirements:</b>		<b>15</b>
<i>Complete the following required course:</i>		<b>3</b>
PSCI 4914	Community Organizing and Community Development	
<i>Complete one of the following Field Placement courses:</i>		<b>3</b>
PSCI 3914	The Urban Citizen	
PSCI 3939	Internship	
PSCI 4934	CU at the Capitol	
PSCI 4944	CU in the City	
<i>Complete nine credit hours from the following Public and Community Leadership elective courses:</i>		<b>9</b>
PSCI 3035	Political Movements: Race and Gender	
PSCI 3064	Power and Empowerment in the United States	
PSCI 4002	Topics in Political Science <sup>1</sup>	
PSCI 4025	Local Governance and Globalization	
PSCI 4074	Urban Politics, Planning, and Development	
PSCI 4075	Gentrification and Social Equity	
PSCI 4084	Local Government and Administration	
PSCI 4124	Denver Politics	
PSCI 4206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics	
PSCI 4207	Theories of Social and Political Change	
PSCI 4248	Gender, Development and Globalization	
PSCI 4265	Social Justice And Globalization	

PSCI 4274	Conflict Resolution and Public Consent Building
PSCI 4414	Non-Profits and Social Change
PSCI 4535	Labor and Working Class Politics
PSCI 4555	International Women's Resistance
PSCI 4840	Independent Study: PSCI <sup>1</sup>
PSCI 5424	The Social Economy and Sustainable Development
PSCI 5434	The Cooperative Movement: Politics and Policy
PSCI 5548	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining

<sup>1</sup> PSCI 4002 Topics in Political Science and PSCI 4840 Independent Study: PSCI, can only be applied with advisor approval.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/newdirections/certificates/graduate-certificate-public-non-profit-community-leadership-certificate/>).