



## Department of Political Science

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### Objectives:

- ◆ Political science is the study of government and the forces that shape and influence government. Political scientists study the ways in which different forms of government operate, the relationships between governments, the effects of various “inputs” on government, and the effects of government on society.
- ◆ In addition to a general political science degree, the department offers options in American Politics/Public Law, Global Politics, and Public Administration. Minors also include: General Political Science, American Politics and Public Law, Global Politics, and Public Administration.
- ◆ Political science graduates often are employed by federal, state, or local governments in a variety of roles. Graduates also work in interest groups, international organizations, non-profit organizations, journalism, business, and education. Typical graduate education options include continued study in political science, as well as law and public administration.
- ◆ Get more involved on campus! Join the College Democrats, College Republicans, Pi Sigma Alpha or Phi Alpha Delta to meet other students also interested in this field. Contact the ROAR office at [roar@uccs.edu](mailto:roar@uccs.edu) or 262-3470 for information.

<b>Political Science-Public Administration Option – 36 credits, 21 upper division</b>	<b><u>Credits</u></b>
Core Requirements:	
P SC 110 American Political System	3
P SC 210 Politics & Policy in State & Local Communities	3
P SC 250 Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
P SC 432 Public Administration	3
P SC 440 Government & Society	3
P SC 445 American Political Thought	3
P SC 446 Administrative Law	3
Three courses from:	9
<u>Public Policy, Administration and Law</u>	
P SC 330 The Bureaucrats	3
P SC 398 Public Admin. Internship	3
P SC 406 State Political Systems	3
P SC 407 Urban Politics	3
P SC 435 Environmental Policies & Admin.	3
P SC 948 Prelaw Internship	3
P SC 447 Intro To Constitutional Law	3
P SC 448 Constitution & Individual Rights	3
P SC 449 The Judicial System	3
P SC 451 Defendants’ Constitutional Rights	3
P SC 948 Prelaw Internship	3
Political Science electives	6
<b><u>General Education Requirements**</u></b>	
**Students are required as part of their general education requirements to complete courses in Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness. These courses are identified in the LAS section of the schedule of courses and in the bulletin.	
Composition Requirement	6
Reasoning Skills Requirement	3
Humanities Area Requirement	9
General	3
Core	3
Natural Science Area Requirement	12
Social Science Area Requirement	12
General electives	<u>+39</u>
<b>Total Credits - 45 upper division (300-400) level</b>	<b>120</b>

# MODEL DEGREE PROGRAM

## POLITICAL SCIENCE (P SC)

### Public Administration Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science-Public Administration degree. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

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#### Suggested First Year

##### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL131 Rhetoric & Writing I  
(Prer. of ENGL099 or ACT 19+ or SAT 450+)\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC110 The American Political System
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Humanities Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ ID101 Freshmen Seminar OR General Elective
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective

**TOTAL=15 credits**

##### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ ENGL141 Rhetoric & Writing II  
(Prer. of ENGL131 or ACT 29+ or SAT 650+)\*
  - \_\_\_\_\_ P SC210 Politics & Policy in  
State & Local Communities
  - \_\_\_\_\_ General Humanities Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Social Science Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ I D 105 OR I D 200 OR MATH104 Reasoning Skills  
Requirement (Prer. for MATH104 is score of 9+ on the  
Algebra Diagnostic Exam)
- TOTAL=15 credits**

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#### Suggested Second Year

##### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC250 Intro to Political Inquiry
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Science Elective (w/lab)-4 cr
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Social Science Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ P SC Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ General Humanities Elective
- TOTAL=16 credits**

##### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Science Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Social Science Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Oral Communication requirement
  - \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective
- TOTAL=15 credits**

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#### Suggested Third Year

##### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC432 Public Administration (**FALL ONLY**)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ P SC440 Government & Society (Prer. P SC110)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Science Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ General Elective
- TOTAL=15 credits**

##### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC Public Policy, Admin. & Law Course  
(Prer. may apply)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ P SC Public Policy, Admin. & Law Course
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Social Science Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Upper Division (UD) General Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
- TOTAL=15 credits**

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#### Suggested Fourth Year

##### FALL

- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC445 American Political Thought (**FALL ONLY**)  
(Prer. may apply)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ P SC446 Administrative Law
  - \_\_\_\_\_ HUM300+ Core Humanities (Prer. of junior status)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
- TOTAL=15 credits**

##### SPRING

- \_\_\_\_\_ P SC Public Policy, Admin. & Law Course  
(Prer. may apply)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Natural Science Elective-2 cr
  - \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
  - \_\_\_\_\_ UD General Elective
- TOTAL=14 credits**

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise stated.

\*ACT/SAT placement scores are based on the English section of the exam only.

Courses fulfilling General Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences, as well as the Global Awareness (G), Cultural Diversity (D) and Oral Communication (O) requirements, may be found in the Bulletin or the current schedule.

Electives may be used toward a minor, a 2<sup>nd</sup> major, prerequisites, additional courses in Political Science (up to 54 credits maximum) or just for fun!