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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 or 262-3470 for information.

General Political Science Major Option – 39 credits, 21 upper division

Credits

Core Requirements:

P SC 101 Introduction to Global Politics	3
P SC 110 American Political System	3
P SC 210 Politics and Policy in State and Local Communities	3
P SC 250 Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
P SC 442/445 Political Ideas/American Political Thought	3

One course from each of these areas:

American Political Institutions and Behavior

P SC 103 Colorado Politics	P SC 404 Political Interest Groups
P SC 301 Women in Politics	P SC 405 Public Opinion & Pol. Behavior
P SC 303 Political Parties	P SC 408 U.S. Electoral Process
P SC 305 Race & Ethnicity in Am. Politics	P SC 439 The Presidency
P SC 348 Legislative Internship	P SC 440 Government & Society
P SC 402 The American Congress	

Global Politics

P SC 311 Emerging Nations	P SC 424 Russian Foreign Policy
P SC 321 Western Euro Political Sys.	P SC 425 International Law
P SC 322 Eastern Euro Political Sys.	P SC 426 International Organizations
P SC 413 Latin Am. Political System	P SC 427 Latin Am. in World Politics
P SC 418 Gender in International Politics	P SC 429 Int'l. Environmental Politics
P SC 421 International Politics	P SC 434 Nat'l. Security Org. & Policymaking
P SC 422 Comparative Politics	P SC 453 Model United Nations
P SC 423 The U.S. in World Politics	

Public Policy, Administration and Law

P SC 330 The Bureaucrats	P SC 446 Administrative Law
P SC 398 Public Admin. Internship	P SC 447 Intro To Constitutional Law
P SC 406 State Political Systems	P SC 448 Constitution & Individual Rights
P SC 407 Urban Politics	P SC 449 The Judicial System
P SC 432 Public Administration	P SC 451 Defendants' Constitutional Rights
P SC 435 Environmental Policies & Admin.	P SC 948 Prelaw Internship

Political Science electives

15

General Education Requirements**

**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	
General	9
Core	3
Natural Science Area Requirement	12
Social Science Area Requirement	12
General electives	<u>+39</u>

Total Credits - 45 upper division (300-400) level

120

MODEL DEGREE PROGRAM

POLITICAL SCIENCE (P SC)

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science 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.

Suggested First Year

FALL

- _____ ENGL131 Rhetoric & Writing I
(Prer. of ENGL099 or ACT 19+ or SAT 450+)*
- _____ P SC101 Intro to Global Politics (G)
- _____ ID101 Freshmen Seminar OR General Elective
- _____ General Humanities Elective
- _____ General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

SPRING

- _____ ENGL141 Rhetoric & Writing II
(Prer. of ENGL131 or ACT 29+ or SAT 650+)*
- _____ P SC110 The American Political System
- _____ General Humanities Elective
- _____ Social Science Elective
- _____ I D 105 OR I D 200 OR MATH104 Reasoning Skills Requirement (Prer. for MATH104 is ACT 19+ or score of 9+ on the Algebra Diagnostic Exam)

TOTAL=15 credits

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

- _____ Upper Division (UD) P SC Elective
- _____ Natural Science Elective
- _____ Social Science Elective
- _____ Oral Communication requirement
- _____ General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

Suggested Third Year

FALL

- _____ P SC Amer. Political Institutions & Behavior Course
(Prer. may apply)
- _____ P SC Global Politics Course (Prer. may apply)
- _____ Natural Science Elective
- _____ UD General Elective
- _____ General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

SPRING

- _____ P SC Public Policy, Admin. & Law Course
(Prer. may apply)
- _____ P SC442 Political Ideas OR
- _____ P SC445 American Political Thought
- _____ Social Science Elective
- _____ UD General Elective
- _____ General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL

- _____ UD P SC Elective
- _____ UD P SC Elective
- _____ HUM300+ Core Humanities (Prer. of junior status)
- _____ UD General Elective
- _____ UD General Elective

TOTAL=15 credits

SPRING

- _____ UD P SC Elective
- _____ 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 2nd major, prerequisites, additional courses in Political Science (up to 54 credits maximum) or just for fun!