

## Academic Map: Political Science

**Department:** Government, Public Service, and International Studies<sup>1</sup>
**Degree:** BA  
**Program/Major:** Political Science  
**Track/Emphasis:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No)** Yes<sup>2</sup>

Important program information in the online *Undergraduate Bulletin*:

**UCA Core Requirements:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/uca-core/>  
**LD UCA Core Check Sheet:** <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>  
**UD UCA Core Course List:** <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>  
**Degree Requirements:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/>  
**Program Description:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/colleges-departments/ca/political-science/>  
**Course Descriptions:** <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/courses/>

This degree program requires a total of **120 semester credit hours**, including at least **40 upper-division credit hours**.

Comparable courses in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) are cross-referenced in the ACTS column of each semester block below; a [core link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) (<https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* Lower-Division (LD) UCA Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) (<https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/>) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* ACTS page (<https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/>) for additional information and a UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

**Scholarship recipients:** Please be aware of eligibility criteria for your scholarship(s). In particular, pay attention to (1) the enrollment requirements each semester for disbursement of your scholarship(s) and (2) the number of hours and GPA required each semester and/or year for renewal of your scholarship(s). Some Academic Maps may suggest enrollment in fewer hours than required for disbursement of your scholarship(s). In such cases, work with your academic advisor to adjust your schedule to meet requirements most efficiently. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (501) 450-3140 with any questions regarding enrollment/renewal requirements of your scholarship(s). For online information resources, see endnote <sup>3</sup>.

### Year 1

#### Fall – Semester 1 (credit hours: **16/15**)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG	1310	Introduction to College Writing	3	<a href="#">ENGL1013</a>
PSCI	1330	U.S. Government & Politics <sup>4</sup>	3	<a href="#">PLSC2003</a>
		2000-Level Foreign Language <sup>5</sup>	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
MATH	1360	LD UCA Core, Natural Science <sup>6</sup> or Quantitative Literacy	4 or 3	<a href="#">core link</a> <a href="#">MATH1113</a>
		LD UCA Core	3	<a href="#">core link</a>

#### Spring – Semester 2 (credit hours: **15/16**)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG ENGL	1320 1320	Academic Writing and Research or Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or Other approved alternative	3	<a href="#">ENGL1023</a> <a href="#">ENGL1023</a> <a href="#">core link</a>
MATH	1360	Quantitative Literacy or LD UCA Core, Natural Science	3 or 4	<a href="#">MATH1113</a> <a href="#">core link</a>

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		LD UCA Core	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core	3	<a href="#">core link</a>

**Year 2****Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: 16)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
		LD UCA Core, Natural Science	4	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
		LD UCA Core	3	<a href="#">core link</a>
PSCI		PSCI core	3	

**Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
PSCI		PSCI subfield <sup>7</sup>	3	
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	

**Year 3****Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield <sup>7</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	
		General elective	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	

**Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield <sup>7</sup>	3	
PSCI		PSCI subfield <sup>7</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	

**Year 4****Fall – Semester 7 (Credit hours: 15)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield <sup>7</sup>	3	
PSCI		PSCI subfield <sup>7</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	

**Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: 13)**

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield <sup>7</sup>	3	
		Minor elective <sup>2</sup>	3	
		General elective	3	
		General elective	3	
		General elective	1	

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SIGNED – DEPARTMENT CHAIR\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNED – COLLEGE DEAN\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE**To be completed by the advisor when an Eight-Semester plan is accepted by the student:****If applicable, has student selected a minor? Type “x” as appropriate. \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes****If “yes,” specify: \_\_\_\_\_****Notes**<sup>1</sup> New name, effective July 1, 2023, of the Department of Political Science.<sup>2</sup> This Academic Map includes 24 hours in a minor field of study. Minor requirements range from 15 to 26 credit hours, so students will need to adapt the number of general elective and minor elective credit hours in this plan as needed, depending upon the chosen field. A student’s choice of minor and special degree requirements may result in the total number of credit hours taken to exceed the total number required to complete the degree program.<sup>3</sup> See online information resources for UCA scholarships at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/> and for state scholarships at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/>.<sup>4</sup> PSCI 1330 is a prerequisite for all upper-division Political Science courses and also satisfies the American History & Government requirement in the UCA Core.<sup>5</sup> Student pursuing the B.A. in Political Science will complete related course requirements consisting of three credit hours in a foreign language at the 2000 level or higher. Students with no previous experience with a foreign language may need to enroll in up to six hours of lower-level instruction to prepare for this requirement. These courses are not included in this plan of study. The Academic Advising Center and the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures recommend that students complete the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program in order not to lose fluency in high school.For students with prior language experience in Spanish, French, or German that is not AP credit, please take the free language placement exam from any computer by visiting [uca.edu/wlan/placement](https://uca.edu/wlan/placement) before registering for classes and enroll in the

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level of your placement. For students with prior language experience in Chinese or Japanese, email [llc@uca.edu](mailto:llc@uca.edu) for placement and for information on how that placement may lead to additional Credit by Examination.

<sup>6</sup> See appropriate choices, alternatives, or substitutions under “UCA Core” in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*. During the first year, a student must complete a UCA Core course designated as a First-Year Seminar (FYS) in Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living. An approved UCA Core lab science should be taken in the first two years if possible. MATH 1360 should be completed in the first year in either the first or the second semester. Students who have already earned credit for another 1000-level MATH course (i.e., concurrent credit, CLEP, AP, transfer, etc.) may substitute that course for MATH 1360. However, a student who has not completed a 1000-level MATH course must enroll in MATH 1360.

The student will also need to complete major, minor, or general elective courses designated as fulfilling the upper-division and capstone requirements of the UCA Core that address outcomes in each of the four areas of the UCA Core: Diversity (D), Critical Inquiry (I), Communication (C), and Responsible Living (R). These courses may count as major, minor, or elective requirements, and one course may satisfy up to two Core requirements, as long as the outcomes for both areas are assessed. The UCA Core capstone requirement (Z) will, in addition to any disciplinary goals and outcomes, address certain UCA Core goals and outcomes in Critical Inquiry, Communication, and Collaboration. See the [Department of Political Science](#) page in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* and your academic advisor for courses within the major that fulfill the UD UCA Core requirements.

<sup>7</sup> Political Science majors must complete one three-credit-hour course from a minimum of four of the six Political Science subfields for a total of twelve credits; and an additional nine credits from any of the six Political Science subfields.