

Academic Map: Political Science

Department: Government, Public Service, and International Studies¹ **Degree:** BS
Program/Major: Political Science
Track/Emphasis: _____
Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No) Optional²

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/) 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 ³.

Year 1

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

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
WRTG	1310	Introduction to College Writing	3	ENGL1013
PSCI	1330	U.S. Government & Politics ⁴	3	PLSC2003
MATH	1360	LD UCA Core, Lab Science ⁵ or Quantitative Literacy	4 or 3	core link MATH1113
		First Year Seminar or other LD UCA Core ⁵	3	core link
		LD UCA Core ⁵	3	core link

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 ⁵	3	ENGL1023 ENGL1023 core link
MATH	1360	Quantitative Literacy or LD UCA Core, Lab Science ⁵	3 or 4	MATH1113 core link
		LD UCA Core or First Year Seminar if needed ⁵	3	core link

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
		LD UCA Core ⁵	3	core link
PSCI		PSCI core	3	

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

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
		LD UCA Core, Lab Science ⁵	4	core link
		LD UCA Core ⁵	3	core link
		LD UCA Core ⁵	3	core link

Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 15)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
PSCI		PSCI core	3	
PSCI		PSCI subfield ⁶	3	
		General elective ¹	3	
		General elective ²	3	

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

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield ⁶	3	
		General elective ²	3	acts link
		General elective ²	3	
		General elective ²	3	
		General elective ²	3	

Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 15)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield ⁶	3	
PSCI		PSCI subfield ⁶	3	
		General elective ²	3	
		General elective ²	3	
PSCI	4390 or 4393 or 4394	Experiential Learning Requirement	3	

Year 4

Fall – Semester 7 (credit hours: 15)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield ⁶	3	
PSCI		PSCI subfield ⁶	3	
		General elective ²	3	
		General elective ²	3	
		General elective ²	3	

Spring – Semester 8 (credit hours: 13)

SUBJ	NUM	TITLE	SCH	ACTS
PSCI		PSCI subfield ⁶	3	
		General elective ²	3	
		General elective ²	3	
		General elective ²	4	

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? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

If “yes,” specify: _____

Notes

¹ New name, effective July 1, 2023, of the Department of Political Science.

² This Academic Map includes 43 credit hours of general electives, hours which the student may use to complete a minor field of study and/or, in consultation with a PSCI faculty advisor, courses from other programs to meet their career interests as well as the 120 credit hour requirement.

³ 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/>.

⁴ PSCI 1330 is a prerequisite for all upper-division PSCI and PADM courses and it satisfies the American History & Government requirement in the UCA Core.

⁵ 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

Notes – *continued*

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.

⁶ Students pursuing the B.S. in Political Science will complete at least one course from each of the five subfields and where at least 18 of the 24 credit hours are from the listed PSCI/PADM courses.