

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science Degree Program Checklist

_____ **Major in Political Science (36 credit hours)** – Students majoring in Political Science must complete a total of thirty-six [36] credit hours, including the Core Requirements (15 credit hours) and the Subfield Requirements (21 credit hours). See checklist for the major in Political Science on the next page.

_____ **Minor or Second Major** – Students majoring in Political Science must complete a minor or a second major in another academic program.

_____ **Related Course Requirement (3 credit hours)** – Students pursuing a B.A. in Political Science must complete one foreign language course at the 2000-level or higher.

_____ **UCA Lower-Division Core Requirement (38 credit hours)** – All students must complete the UCA Lower-Division (LD) Core. The UCA LD Core requires 38 credit hours at the lower division (1000- and 2000-level courses). These courses include the 35-credit hour required state minimum core and one additional three credit hour course to satisfy the responsible living element in the UCA Core mission. The remaining 35 hours from the state minimum are distributed in the other knowledge and skills areas of critical inquiry, effective communication, and diversity. See LD Core courses at <https://uca.edu/core/checksheet/>.

_____ **UCA Upper-Division Core Requirement** – All students must complete the UCA Upper-Division (UD) Core using major, minor, and other elective courses. In order to satisfy this requirement, students must complete upper-division courses that address outcomes in each of the four areas of the UCA Core: Diversity [D], Critical Inquiry [I], Effective Communication [C], and Responsible Living [R]. In addition, all students must take a course designated as a Capstone Experience (Z). One course may satisfy up to two UD Core requirements, except for the Capstone Experience (Z). See UD Core courses at <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>.

_____ **Total Credit Hour Requirement (120 credit hours)** – All students must complete at least 120 credit hours, and at least 40 credit hours must be upper-division courses at the 3000- and 4000-levels. For some students, this will mean that additional elective courses (lower-division and upper-division) will be required to meet the minimum 120 credit hours and 40 upper-division credit hours. A grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher is required in both the major and the minor programs, and an overall (cumulative) GPA of 2.0 or higher is also required. All course work attempted in the major and the minor will be included in determining the major and minor GPAs.

Major in Political Science (36 credit hours)

Core Requirements (15 credit hours):

- _____ PSCI 2300, Introduction to International Relations
- _____ PADM 2310, Introduction to Public Service and Public Policy
- _____ PSCI 2312, Statistical Methods for Political Analysis
- _____ PSCI 2315, Introduction to Political Theory
- _____ PSCI 2320, Introduction to Comparative Politics

Subfield Requirements (21 credit hours):

Students must complete twenty-one [21] credit hours of upper-division elective courses from a minimum of four of the six political science subfields. PSCI 1330, U.S. Government & Politics, is a prerequisite for all upper-division courses in the six political science subfields. In addition, the introductory courses listed above under Core Requirements are prerequisites for the respective upper-division courses in the subfields of Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, Public Administration, and Public Policy. Several of the upper-division elective courses in the subfields satisfy the UCA Upper-Division Core requirements, which consist of upper-division elective courses in five different areas - Effective Communication [C], Diversity [D], Critical Inquiry [I], Responsible Living [R], and Capstone [Z].

American Politics

- _____ PSCI 3300, State Government & Politics
- _____ PSCI 3330, Political Parties & Electoral Problems
- _____ PSCI 3336, Local Government & Politics
- _____ PSCI 3345, Women and U.S. Politics [UCA UD Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 3350, Interest groups & Money in Politics
- _____ PSCI 3355, Race and U.S. Politics [UCA UD Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 3372, Political Behavior
- _____ PSCI 3375, The American Judicial System
- _____ PSCI 4V99, Studies in Political Science (Independent Study)
- _____ PSCI 4300, Constitutional Law [UCA UD Core: I]
- _____ PSCI 4301, Civil Liberties [UCA UD Core: I]
- _____ PSCI 4315, The Politics of Presidential Selection
- _____ PSCI 4334, The American Presidency [UCA UD Core: I, C]
- _____ PSCI 4335, The American Congress
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics*
- _____ PSCI 4390, Internship in Political Science

Comparative Politics

- _____ PSCI 3340, Governments & Politics of Europe and Russia
- _____ PSCI 3382, Politics of Developing Nations [UCA UD Core: D, C]
- _____ PSCI 4V99, Studies in Political Science (Independent Study)
- _____ PSCI 4305, The Political Economy of Development
- _____ PSCI 4320, Revolution & Political Violence [UCA UD Core: D, C]
- _____ PSCI 4325, Mexican Politics & U.S.-Mexico Relations
- _____ PSCI 4328, Dynamics of Democratization [UCA UD Core: Z]

- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics*
- _____ PSCI 4345, Governments & Politics of Africa [UCA UD Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 4348, Governments & Politics of the Middle East [UCA UD Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 4390, Internship in Political Science

International Relations

- _____ PSCI 3305, United Nations & International Politics [UCA UD Core: I]
- _____ PSCI 3315, International Law & Organizations [UCA UD Core: I, C]
- _____ PSCI 3316, Cybersecurity Law and Policy [UCA UD Core: C]
- _____ PSCI 4V99, Studies in Political Science (Independent Study)
- _____ PSCI 4310, International Political Economy & Globalization [UCA UD Core: Z]
- _____ PSCI 4312, China & International Politics [UCA UD Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics*
- _____ PSCI 4388, American Foreign Policy
- _____ PSCI 4389, Russian Foreign Policy
- _____ PSCI 4395, International Conflict & Conflict Management
- _____ PSCI 4390, Internship in Political Science

Political Theory

- _____ PSCI 3369, Cyber Citizenship
- _____ PSCI 3370, Political Theory I [UCA UD Core: R]
- _____ PSCI 3371, Political Theory II [UCA UD Core: R, I]
- _____ PSCI 4V99, Studies in Political Sciences (Independent Study)
- _____ PSCI 4307, Political Ethics [UCA UD Core: R, I]
- _____ PSCI 4331, American Political Theory [UCA UD Core: R, I]
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics*
- _____ PSCI 4390 Internship in Political Science

Public Administration

- _____ PADM 3310, Public Management
- _____ PADM 4V89, Studies in Public and Non-Profit Management (Independent Study)
- _____ PADM 4350, Intergovernmental Relations [UCA UD Core: C]
- _____ PADM 4370, Special Topics in Public and Nonprofit Management
- _____ PADM 4310 and 4610, Internship in Public Administration
- _____ PADM 4320, Government Budgeting

Public Policy

- _____ PSCI 3320, Environmental Policy [UCA UD Core: R, I]
- _____ PADM 3320, Public Policy Analysis [UCA UD Core: Z]
- _____ PADM 4V99, Studies in Public Policy (Independent Study)
- _____ PADM 4330, Public Policy & Program Evaluation
- _____ PADM 4380, Special Topics in Public Policy

*PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics, can be applied to the subfields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory, depending on the content of the seminar.