

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

_____ **Major in Political Science (42 credit hours)** – Students majoring in Political Science must complete a total of forty-two [42] credit hours, including the Core Requirements (15 credit hours), Experiential Learning Requirement (3 credit hours), and Subfield Requirements (24 credit hours). See checklist for the major in Political Science on the next page.

_____ **Minor or Additional Elective Courses** – Students majoring in Political Science may choose to complete a minor in another academic program or work with political science faculty to choose elective courses, including courses in other academic programs, to meet their career interests and to fulfill the university's 120-credit hour requirement.

_____ **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 (42 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

Experiential Learning Requirement (3 credit hours):

Students must complete one of the following upper-division experiential learning courses:

- _____ PSCI 4390, Internship in Political Science
- _____ PSCI 4393, Experiential Learning in Political Science
- _____ PSCI 4394, Research in Political Science

Subfield Requirements (24 credit hours) – Students must complete twenty-four [24] credit hours of upper-division elective courses, including at least one course (3 credit hours) from each of the five interdisciplinary subfields. In addition, a minimum of 18 of the 24 credit hours should be political science (PSCI) and public administration (PADM) courses. All of the upper-division political science courses in the subfields have prerequisites (e.g. PSCI 1330 is a prerequisite for all upper-division American Government & Politics courses and PSCI 2300 is a prerequisite for all upper-division International Relations courses). Descriptions of courses offered by the Department of Political Science and other departments, including the course prerequisites, can be found in the UCA Undergraduate Bulletin at <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/>. Several of the upper-division elective courses in the subfields, both political science and non-political science, 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].

Comparative Political Analysis:

- _____ PSCI 3340, Governments & Politics of Europe and Russia
- _____ PSCI 3382, Politics of Developing Nations [UD UCA Core: D, C]
- _____ PSCI 4305, The Political Economy of Development
- _____ PSCI 4310, Int. Political Economy & Globalization [UD UCA Core: Z]
- _____ PSCI 4312, China & International Politics [UD UCA Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 4325, Mexican Politics & U.S.-Mexico Relations
- _____ PSCI 4328, Dynamics of Democratization [UD UCA Core: Z]
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics*
- _____ PSCI 4345, Governments & Politics of Africa [UD UCA Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 4348, Governments & Politics of the Middle East [UD UCA Core: D]
- _____ ECON 4320, Comparative Economic Systems
- _____ ECON 4335, International Trade [UD UCA Core: D]
- _____ SOC 4310, Globalization & Development

Human Behavior:

- _____ PSCI 3345, Women and U.S. Politics [UD UCA Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 3355, Race and American Politics [UD UCA Core: D]
- _____ PSCI 3372, Political Behavior
- _____ PSCI 4315, The Politics of Presidential Selection
- _____ PSCI 4320, Revolution & Political Violence [UD UCA Core: D, C]
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics*
- _____ PSCI 4395, International Conflict & Conflict Management
- _____ GEOG 3333, Geography of Natural Hazards
- _____ PSYC 3332, Research Methods
- _____ PSYC 4305, Judgment & Decision-Making
- _____ SOC 3361, Gender & Society
- _____ SOC 4301, Social Movement & Social Change

Law and Institutions:

- _____ PSCI 3300, State Government & Politics
- _____ PSCI 3305, United Nations & International Politics [UD UCA Core: I]
- _____ PSCI 3315, International Law & Organizations [UD UCA Core: I, C]
- _____ PSCI 3316, Cybersecurity Law and Policy [UD UCA Core: C]
- _____ PSCI 3330, Political Parties & Electoral Problems
- _____ PSCI 3336, Local Government & Politics
- _____ PSCI 3375, The American Judicial System
- _____ PSCI 4300, Constitutional Law [UD UCA Core: I]
- _____ PSCI 4301, Civil Liberties [UD UCA Core: I]
- _____ PSCI 4334, The American Presidency [UD UCA Core: I, C]
- _____ PSCI 4335, The American Congress
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics *
- _____ PADM 4350, Intergovernmental Relations [UD UCA Core: C]
- _____ CRIM 3361, Criminal Courts

Policy and Program Analysis:

- _____ PSCI 3320, Environmental Policy [UD UCA Core: R, I]
- _____ PADM 3320, Public Policy Analysis [UD UCA Core: Z]
- _____ PADM 3310, Public Management
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics*
- _____ PADM 4330, Public Policy & Program Evaluation
- _____ PADM 4370, Special Topics in Public Administration and Non-Profit Mgmt.
- _____ PADM 4380, Special Topics in Public Policy
- _____ PSCI 4388, American Foreign Policy
- _____ PSCI 4389, Russian Foreign Policy
- _____ PADM 4320, Government Budgeting
- _____ ECON 3310, Public Sector Economics [UD UCA Core: R]
- _____ ECON 3330, Environmental Economics [UD UCA Core: R]
- _____ GEOG 3301, Conservation of Natural Resources [UD UCA Core: R]
- _____ GEOG 3325, Urban & Regional Planning [UD UCA Core: R]
- _____ SOC 4321, Social Policy Analysis

Theory:

- _____ PSCI 3369, Cyber Citizenship
- _____ PSCI 3370, Political Theory I [UD UCA Core: R]
- _____ PSCI 3371, Political Theory II [UD UCA Core: R, I]
- _____ PSCI 4307, Political Ethics [UD UCA Core: R, I]
- _____ PSCI 4331, American Political Theory [UD UCA Core: R, I]
- _____ PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics *
- _____ PHIL 3340, Critical Theories of Race [UD UCA Core: R, D]
- _____ PHIL 3345, Feminist Philosophy [UD UCA Core: R, D]
- _____ SOC 4330, Social Theory

* PSCI 4340, Seminar in Selected Topics, can be applied to the subfields of Comparative Political Analysis, Human Behavior, Law and Institutions, Policy and Program Analysis, and Theory, depending on the content of the seminar.