

SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN

Bachelor of Science, Political Science

This degree program requires a total of **120** credit hours (CH), including **38** credit hours of the lower-division (LD) UCA Core and **40** credit hours of upper-division (3000- and 4000-level) courses. This sample degree plan demonstrates how a first-time entering freshman with no college credit can earn the degree in eight semesters. The upper-division UCA Core must be met using major, minor, or general elective courses. For general and specific degree requirements, please see the *Undergraduate Bulletin* at <https://uca.edu/ubulletin>. Consult your academic advisor for appropriate substitutions and additional information.

This degree is offered as an eight-semester degree completion program. Eligible students who follow this degree plan and complete all general and specific degree requirements in the *Undergraduate Bulletin* of the year in which they were admitted will earn this degree in eight semesters. For eligibility requirements, see <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/degreeplans/> for more information.

Year 1

Fall — Semester 1		Spring — Semester 2	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
WRTG 1310 Introduction to College Writing or Other approved Writing Foundation alternative	3	WRTG 1320 Academic Writing & Research or ENGL 1320 Interdisciplinary Writing & Research or Other approved Research and Writing alternative	3
MATH 1360 Quantitative Literacy or Other LD UCA Core Course	3	MATH 1360 Quantitative Literacy (if not taken) or Other LD UCA Core Course	3
LD UCA Core First-Year Seminar or Other LD UCA Core Course	3	LD UCA Core First-Year Seminar (if not taken) or Other LD UCA Core Course	3
PSCI 1330 U.S. Government & Politics	3	Political Science Core Course	3
LD UCA Core Course	3	LD UCA Core Lab Science	4
Total	15	Total	16

Year 2

Fall — Semester 3		Spring — Semester 4	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
Political Science Core Course	3	Political Science Core Course	3
Political Science Core Course	3	Political Science Core Course	3
LD UCA Core Lab Science	4	Political Science Subfield Elective ¹	3
Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives	6	Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives	6
Total	16	Total	15

¹ Students must complete at least one course from each of the five subfields and where at least 18 of the required 24 hours are from the listed PSCI/PADM courses.

Year 3

Fall — Semester 5		Spring — Semester 6	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
Political Science Subfield Elective	3	Political Science Subfield Elective	3
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Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives	9	Experiential Learning Requirement ²	3
		Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives	6
Total	15	Total	15

Year 4

Fall — Semester 7		Spring — Semester 8	
Courses	CH	Courses	CH
Political Science Subfield Elective	3	Political Science Subfield Elective	3
Political Science Subfield Elective	3	Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives	10
Minor Courses (if needed) and/or General Electives	9		
Total	15	Total	13

² Complete one of the following: PSCI 4390 Internship in Political Science, PSCI 4393 Experiential Learning in International Studies or Political Science, or PSCI 4394 Research in International Studies or Political Science.

This sample degree plan has been approved by the Department Government, Public Service, and International Studies in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science.

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