

Best Choices Guide

Political Science(BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for PCC students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science. It is based on the best academic advising choices for future UCCS students.

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete the following course requirements for a total of 60 semester credit hours, at least 35 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at PCC.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.4 or better, *including all remedial and repeated courses*. (Students with a transfer GPA between 2.0 and 2.39 will be considered for admission.) Each transfer course must have a grade of "C" or better.

Degree Requirements	Courses					
Communication (9 credit hours)	ENG 121	<i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122, should take ENG 201 as their second composition course.</i>				
	ENG 122					
	COM 115					
Mathematics (3 credit hours)	Category GT-MA1 <i>Note: MAT 120 is the preferred course for UCCS students.</i>					
	MAT 120	MAT 121	MAT 122	MAT 125	MAT 135	MAT 201
	MAT 202	MAT 203	MAT 204	MAT 261		
Arts & Humanities/Social & Behavioral Sciences (18 credit hours) 1. Select two courses from two different GT-AH areas.	Category GT-AH1					
	ART 110	ART 111	ART 112	ART 207	MUS 120	MUS 122
	MUS 125	THE 105	THE 211	THE 212		
	Category GT-AH2					
	HUM 115	HUM 121	LIT 115	LIT 201	LIT 202	LIT 205
	LIT 211	LIT 212	LIT 246			
	Category GT-AH3					
	PHI 111	PHI 112	PHI 113	PHI 114	PHI 115	PHI 214
	PHI 218	PHI 220				
	Category GT-AH4					
	FRE 211	FRE 212	GER 211	GER212	ITA 211	ITA 212
	SPA 211	SPA 212				
	2. Select one GT-HI course. Do not take more than one GT-HI course for the AA.	Category GT-HI1				
HIS 101		HIS 102	HIS 111	HIS 112	HIS 121	HIS 122
HIS 225		HIS 244	HIS 247			
3. Complete ECO 201 and ECO 202 and one additional course from the GT-SS2 or SS3 lists. ANT 101, GEO 105 or GEO 106 are preferred options to fulfill part of this requirement for UCCS students.	Category GT-SS1					
	ECO 201	ECO 202				
	Category GT-SS2					
	GEO 105	GEO 106				
	Category GT-SS3					
	ANT 101	ANT 107	ANT 215	COM 220	ETH 200	PSY 101
	PSY 102	PSY 205	PSY 217	PSY 226	PSY 227	PSY 235
	PSY 238	PSY 240	PSY 249	PSY 265	SOC 101	SOC 102
	SOC 205	SOC 215	SOC 216	SOC 218	SOC 231	SOC 237
	WST 200					

Physical and Life Sciences (8 credit hours) Select two courses. At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category. Note: Credits over 8 will be applied to the additional requirements below.	Category GT-SC1 * SCI 155 and 156, if taken, must both be taken to fulfill this requirement.					
	ANT 111	AST 101	AST 102	BIO 105	BIO 111	BIO 112
	BIO 201	BIO 202	BIO 204	CHE 101	CHE 102	CHE 105
	CHE 111	CHE 112	ENV 101	GEO 112	GEY 111	GEY 112
	GEY 135	MET 150	PHY 105	PHY 107	PHY 111	PHY 112
	PHY 211	PHY 212	SCI 155*	SCI 156*		
	Category GT-SC2					
BIO 116	SCI 105					
Additional Requirements 22 credits recommended by UCCS for this degree plus remaining courses from the approved course list.	POS 105					3
	POS 111					3
	POS 205					3
	POS 225					3
	Open Electives					10

Other AA Requirements

1. A minimum of 60 credit hours in a prescribed program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (a C average). At least 15 of these credit hours must be earned from PCC.
2. Only 6 elective credits are allowed in any combination of PED courses.
3. Career and technical courses, whether taken at another institution or at PCC, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the vice president for educational services. Approval is given only when it is appropriate to the educational objectives of the student.
4. Courses numbered below 100 do not apply towards degrees

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado state-wide transfer articulation for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit the Guaranteed Transfer and Guided Pathways page on the Colorado Department of Higher Education website (higherred.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html).

Foreign Language Note – UCCS

UCCS admission requirements include 2 years of the same high school foreign language (or equivalent 2 semesters at the Community College). Students planning to attend UCCS who do not have the prerequisite foreign language requirement should consider enrolling in these courses in addition to the degree requirements. This admission requirement does not apply to those who graduated from high school prior to 1988, who have a GED, who graduated from a non-U.S. high school, or who can prove proficiency in a foreign language through the 2nd semester at college level. **Please check with the Transfer Advisor (transfer@uccs.edu) to see if this requirement applies to you.**

Advising at PCC

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Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website (www.uccs.edu/transfer) has many additional resources for students transferring from PCC to UCCS.

Four-Year Degree Plan – Political Science

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENG 121	3		ENG 122	3
	POS 105	3		POS 111	3
	GT-AH course	3		GT-MA course	3
	General Elective	3		GT-AH course	3
	General Elective	3		GT-SS course from: GEO 105, GEO 106, or ANT 101	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	POS 205	3		ECO 202	3
	POS 225	3		GT-HI course	3
	ECO 201	3		GT-SC course	4
	GT-SC course	4		COM 115	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	1
TOTAL		16	TOTAL		14

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	PSC 2450	3		PSC 2500	3
	Upper Division (UD) American Political Institutions Course	3		PSC 3420	3
	UD Global Politics Course	3		UD Public Administration, Policy & Law Course	3
	UD PSC Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		General Elective	2
				Natural Science Elective	1
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	UD PSC Elective	3		PSC Capstone	3
	HUM 3990	3		General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3
	UD General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3		General Elective	3
	UD General Elective (<i>Cultural Diversity</i>)	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Major Requirements

1. A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
2. The Political Science major requires a minimum of 36 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 21 of the hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999)
3. The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.
4. In addition to the requirements listed on this handout, students are required to complete one course in Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity and Global Awareness. The courses may be within the major, part of general education or electives. Political Science majors will have met the Oral Communication and Global Awareness requirements by completing COM 115 plus one course from ANT 101, GEO 105 or GEO 106 at the community college. The Cultural Diversity requirement will be met by taking an approved course as a general elective at UCCS.
5. **The Political Science department also offers three major options within Political Science. If you would like to pursue an option, please see an advisor immediately upon entering UCCS, as some of your courses will vary from the program above.** For specific department information and recommendations, please visit www.uccs.edu/polisci.

Prospective Student Advising: Transfer Advisor (transfer@uccs.edu)