

Best Choices Guide

Political Science (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) 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. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact transfer@uccs.edu for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts degree with Designation (DwD), students must complete courses listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 credit hours. At least 34 credits must be GT Pathways Courses. At least 15 credit hours must be earned from the CCC granting the AA or AS degree. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE's [GT Pathways](#) website for more information.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better is required for transfer student admission to UCCS. A minimum grade of C- or higher is required for courses to transfer to UCCS.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
Written Communication (6 hours)	- ENG 121/1021 - ENG 122/1022 <i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.</i>	
Mathematics¹ (3 hours)	- Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120/1240 or MAT 121/1340 preferred.) <i>Note: Credits over 3 will be applied to the general electives below.</i>	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	Complete two GT-AH courses (GT-AH1) (GT-AH2) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4)	
History (3 hours)	Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	- ECO 201/2001 - ECO 202/2002	
Natural and Physical Sciences (8 hours)	Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.	
Additional Required Courses (27 hours) *COM 1150 will fulfill the Oral Communication requirement at UCCS.	PSC 105/2020	3
	PSC 111/1011	3
	PSC 205/2005	3
	PSC 225/2025	3
	General Electives ² (COM 115/1150 - Public Speaking - recommended*)	16

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado State-Wide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA) for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit [Transfer Degrees | Colorado Department of Higher Education Home](#).

¹Reasoning Skills – UCCS

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a Reasoning Skills requirement. It can be completed in two ways:

1. Take MAT 1240, Math for the Liberal Arts **OR**
2. Take MAT 1340, College Algebra (or higher) **AND** either MAT 1260, Intro to Statistics **or** PHI 1013, Logic. PHI 1013 fulfills a GT-AH3 course for the AA/AS.

Political Science majors are encouraged to take MAT 1240 or MAT 1340. Political Science majors take a required Statistics course at UCCS (PSC 3500 - Intro to Political Inquiry) that will fulfill the Reasoning Skills requirement with MAT 1340.

²Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a language requirement as part of their degree program. Students who provide a final, official transcript showing completion of an Associate's degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS will be waived from this requirement. For those who don't complete the Associate's degree, the second semester of a world language (ex: SPA 1012, Spanish Language II) or higher completes the requirement. Students who completed two years of the same world language in high school, or have AP, IB, or CLEP scores equivalent to a Language II course, will have completed the requirement upon receipt of high school transcripts and/or exam scores. Other exemptions and test-out options are available.

Best Choices Guide

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 121/1021	3		ENG 122/1022	3
	PSC 105/2020	3		PSC 111/1011	3
	GT-AH course	3		MAT 120/1240 or MAT 121/1340	4
	GT-SC1 course	4		GT-SC course	4
	General Elective	3			
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	PSC 205/2005	3		PSC 225/2025	3
	ECO 201/2001	3		ECO 202/2002	3
	GT-AH course	3		COM 115/1150	3
	General Elective	3		GT-HI course	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	PSC 2450	3		PSC 3420 (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3
	Upper Division (UD) PSC American Politics Course	3		UD PSC Elective	3
	General Elective	3		UD PSC Elective	3
	General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	PSC 3500 (<i>Writing Intensive</i>) (<i>Reasoning Skills</i>)	3		PSC Capstone	3
	UD PSC Global Politics Course	3		UD General Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	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

- 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).
- 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.
- At least 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

Additional Resources

- Visit the UCCS Transfer website at [Transfer Admissions](https://www.uccs.edu/transfer)
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu