

# 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](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu) for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete the following course requirements for a total of 60 semester credit hours, at least 34 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. 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.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
<b>Written Communication</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENG 121/1021</li> <li>ENG 122/1022</li> </ul> <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>	
<b>Oral Communication</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COM 115/1150</li> </ul>	
<b>Mathematics</b> (4 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete one <a href="#">GT-MA1</a> Course (MAT 120/1240 or MAT 121/1340 preferred.)</li> </ul> <i>Note: Credits over 3 will be applied to the general electives below.</i>	
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete two GT-AH courses (<a href="#">GT-AH1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH2</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH3</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH4</a>)</li> </ul>	
<b>History</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete one GT-HI1 course (<a href="#">GT-HI1</a>) (<b>DO NOT</b> take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)</li> </ul>	
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b> (9 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECO 201/2001</li> <li>ECO 202/2002</li> <li>Complete one additional GT-SS course (<a href="#">GT-SS2</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SS3</a>) (<b>DO NOT</b> take any PSC courses for this requirement.)</li> </ul>	
<b>Physical and Life Sciences</b> (8 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete two GT-SC courses. (<a href="#">GT-SC1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SC2</a>)</li> </ul> At least one course <b>MUST</b> come from the GT-SC1 category. <i>Note: Credits over 8 will be applied to the general electives below.</i>	
<b>Additional Requirements</b> (21 hours)  Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	PSC 105/2020	3
	PSC 111/1011	3
	PSC 205/2005	3
	PSC 225/2025	3
	General Electives	9

### Other AA/AS Requirements

- 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 CCCS.
- Career and technical courses, whether taken at another institution or at CCCS, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the CCCS Vice President for Instructional Services. Approval is given only when it is appropriate to the educational objectives of the student.
- Courses numbered below 100/1000 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 ([higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html](https://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html)).

### Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS requires all students to meet a language requirement equivalent to two semesters of beginner-level instruction in a language other than English before graduation. Students will have fulfilled the requirement upon admission by having completed any of the following equivalents to the first two semesters of language courses (1010/1020) at UCCS: two years of the same world language in high school; AP, IB, or CLEP scores; or completion of a World Language course 1012 or higher in the Colorado Community College System. Students who graduated from high school prior to 1993 and veteran and active duty military students in specific situations will be exempt. Students may test out of all or part of the requirement by taking a placement exam at UCCS. **Please contact a Transfer Advisor ([transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu)) with questions.**

### Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website ([www.uccs.edu/transfer](http://www.uccs.edu/transfer)) has many additional resources for students transferring from CCCS to UCCS.

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## 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-SC course	4		GT-SC course	4
	General Elective	3			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	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-SS2 or GT-SS3 course	3		COM 115/1150	3
	GT-AH course	3		GT-HI course	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	PSC 3420 ( <i>Sustainability</i> )	3		PSC 3500	3
	PSC American Institutions Course	3		Upper Division (UD) PSC Elective	3
	Natural Science Elective	1		UD PSC Elective	3
	General Elective	4		General Elective	3
	General Elective ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	4		UD General Elective ( <i>Cultural Diversity</i> )	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

### Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	UD PSC Public Administration, Policy & Law Course	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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	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 (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.
- 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 115/1150 and PSC 205/2005 at the community college.

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