

# Best Choices Guide

## Political Science (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for PPCC 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 PPCC.

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						
<b>Communication</b> (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						
<b>Mathematics</b> (3 credit hours)	<b>Category GT-MA1</b> <i>Note: MAT 120 is the preferred course for UCCS students.</i>						
	MAT 120	MAT 121	MAT 122	MAT 123	MAT 125	MAT 135	
	MAT 166	MAT 201	MAT 202	MAT 203	MAT 204	MAT 215	
	MAT 261	MAT 265					
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities/Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b> (18 credit hours)  Select two courses from two different GT-AH areas.	<b>Category GT-AH1</b>						
	ART 110	ART 111	ART 112	ART 207	DAN 125	MUS 120	
	MUS 121	MUS 122	MUS 123	MUS 125	THE 105	THE 108	
	THE 211	THE 212	THE 215				
	<b>Category GT-AH2</b>						
	HUM 103	HUM 115	HUM 121	HUM 122	HUM 123	LIT 115	
	LIT 201	LIT 202	LIT 205	LIT 211	LIT 212	LIT 221	
	LIT 222	LIT 225	LIT 246	LIT 259	LIT 268		
	<b>Category GT-AH3</b>						
	PHI 111	PHI 112	PHI 113	PHI 114	PHI 205	PHI 214	
	PHIL 218	PHI 220					
	<b>Category GT-AH4</b>						
	FRE 211	FRE 212	GER 211	GER 212	ITA 211	ITA 212	
	JPN 211	JPN 212	RUS 211	RUS 212	SPA 211	SPA 212	
	2. Select one GT-HI course. <b>Do not take more than one GT-HI course for the AA.</b>	<b>Category GT-HI1</b>					
		HIS 101	HIS 102	HIS 111	HIS 112	HIS 121	HIS 122
		HIS 205	HIS 207	HIS 208	HIS 215	HIS 225	HIS 235
HIS 236		HIS 243	HIS 244	HIS 247	HIS 249	HIS 250	
HIS 251		HIS 255	HIS 260				
3. Complete <b>ECO 201</b> and <b>ECO 202</b> and one additional course from the GT-SS2 or SS3 lists. <b>ANT 101, GEO 105 or GEO 106 are preferred options to fulfill part of this requirement for UCCS students.</b>	<b>Category GT-SS1</b>						
	ECO 201	ECO 202					
	<b>Category GT-SS2</b>						
	GEO 105	GEO 106					
	<b>Category GT-SS3</b>						
	AGR 260	ANT 101	ANT 103	ANT 107	ANT 108	ANT 201	
	ANT 215	ANT 225	ANT 250	COM 220	CRJ 110	ETH 200	
	JOU 105	PSY 101	PSY 102	PSY 205	PSY 217	PSY 226	
	PSY 227	PSY 235	PSY 238	PSY 240	PSY 249	SOC 101	
	SOC 102	SOC 205	SOC 207	SOC 215	SOC 216	SOC 218	
SOC 220	SOC 231	SOC 237	WST 200	WST 225	WST 240		

<b>Physical and Life Sciences</b> (8 credit hours)  Complete eight hours of GT-SC courses. At least one course <b>MUST</b> come from the GT-SC1 category.	<b>Category GT-SC1</b> * SCI 155 and 156, if taken, must both be taken to fulfill this requirement.					
	AGY 240	ANT 111	AST 101	AST 102	BIO 104	BIO 105
	BIO 111	BIO 112	BIO 201	BIO 202	BIO 204	BIO 208
	BIO 220	BIO 221	BIO 224	CHE 101	CHE 102	CHE 105
	CHE 111	CHE 112	ENV 101	GEO 111	GEO 112	GEY 111
	GEY 112	MET 150	PHY 105	PHY 107	PHY 111	PHY 112
	PHY 211	PHY 212	SCI 155*	SCI 156*		
	<b>Category GT-SC2</b>					
	AST 105	AST 155	AST 160	BIO 103	BIO 116	ENV 110
	GEY 108					
<b>Additional Requirements</b> 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

**NOTE:** Courses in italics will count towards the UCCS Writing Intensive Requirement.

### 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 PPCC.
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 PPCC, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the PPCC Vice President for Instructional 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 ([higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html](http://higher.ed.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 Pikes Peak 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. Students who do not meet this requirement will need to fulfill it upon transferring to UCCS. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at college level. **Please check with the Transfer Advisor ([ppcc@uccs.edu](mailto:ppcc@uccs.edu)) to see if this requirement applies to you.**

### Advising at PPCC

(719) 502-3232 – [advising@ppcc.edu](mailto:advising@ppcc.edu)

### Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website ([www.uccs.edu/transfer](http://www.uccs.edu/transfer)) has many additional resources for students transferring from PPCC 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	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
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		15			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
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		16			14

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	Upper Division (UD) American Political Institutions Course	3		PSC 3420	3
	PSC Elective	3		PSC 3500	3
	UD Global Politics Course	3		UD Public Administration, Policy & Law Course	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	2
				Natural Science Elective	1
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		15			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
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		15			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 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.
- 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](http://www.uccs.edu/polisci).

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