

PUBLIC, NON-PROFIT AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Introduction

Please click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/schools-colleges-departments/college-liberal-arts-sciences/political-science/>) to see Political Science department information.

CU Denver's Public, Non-Profit and Community Leadership (PNPCL) Undergraduate Certificate is administered by The Center for New Directions in Politics and Policy, within the Department of Political Science.

This Certificate will provide students with a foundation in public policy, local government politics, and/or community leadership. It can be tailored to meet the needs of individuals pursuing public or non-profit careers or for individuals who seek to enhance their local leadership and civic engagement more broadly. The program emphasizes the perspectives and impacts of local decision-making on marginalized communities and will prepare students to advance equity in their current or future roles.

Students will develop knowledge, skills and political acumen to lead more effectively at the local level, including through a field placement internship with a local government or non-profit organization.

The PNPCL certificate is open to non-degree seeking students who have at least a high school diploma, with or without an undergraduate degree, as well as students formally pursuing an undergraduate degree at CU Denver. Non-degree seeking students who successfully complete the certificate program and who are accepted, could be allowed to transfer their certificate credits toward a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science.

Program Delivery

This certificate is administered by the Center for New Directions in Politics and Policy, within the Department of Political Science. The required course and some electives will be delivered through the New Directions weekend intensive format, taught by practitioners over the course of three weekends spaced several weeks apart. Others are offered by Political Science faculty through standard, weekly courses offered in-person or remotely over the course of a full term.

Declaring This Certificate

Students interested in completing this certificate should complete this form: CLAS Undergraduate Certificate Intent to Declare Form (https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2hNYIHqVx0Ta0Dk/), which requests that the certificate be added to your student record. Once added, you will be able to run a certificate degree audit. The certificate degree audit should be used in collaboration with the Certificate Advisor to ensure successful completion of the requirements.

Students should then work with Robin Kniech (robin.kniech@ucdenver.edu) – the certificate advisor, to ensure completion of all certificate requirements.

Completing This Certificate

Students must also complete the CLAS Undergraduate Certificate Completion Verification Form, (https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eyPLZl6vVh0wG8K/) before graduation, in order to confirm completion of their certificate. The certificate advisor will confirm that your certificate has been successfully completed, and will work with campus partners to apply the certificate to your transcript.

Students must fill out the Certificate Completion Form before the deadlines below, to ensure the certificate is applied to your transcript correctly. If you are a non-degree seeking student, please fill out this form in the term in which you intend to complete your certificate.

Spring semester – **April 1**

Summer semester – **July 1**

Fall semester – **November 1**

These program requirements are subject to periodic revision by the academic department, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences reserves the right to make exceptions and substitutions as judged necessary in individual cases. Therefore, the College strongly urges students to consult regularly with the New Directions director at NewDirections@ucdenver.edu or their Certificate advisor.

General Requirements

Students must satisfy all requirements as outlined below and by the department offering the certificate.

- Click here (<http://catalog.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/>) for information about Academic Policies

Certificate Requirements

- Students must complete 12 credit hours in approved courses.
- Students must complete a minimum of six upper division (3000 level and higher) credit hours from approved coursework.
- Students must earn a minimum grade of C (2.0) in all courses that apply to the certificate and must achieve a minimum cumulative certificate GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to certificate requirements.
- All credits must be taken in residence at CU Denver.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete the following required course:		3
PSCI 4914	Community Organizing and Community Development	
Complete one of the following Field Placement courses:		3
PSCI 3914	The Urban Citizen	
PSCI 3939	Internship	
PSCI 4934	CU at the Capitol	
Complete six credit hours from the following Public and Community Leadership elective courses:		6
PSCI 3035	Political Movements: Race and Gender	
PSCI 3064	Power and Empowerment in the United States	
PSCI 4002	Topics in Political Science ¹	
PSCI 4009	Politics of the Budgetary Process	

PSCI 4024	State Politics: Focus Colorado	
PSCI 4025	Local Governance and Globalization	
PSCI 4074	Urban Politics, Planning, and Development	
PSCI 4075	Gentrification and Social Equity	
PSCI 4084	Local Government and Administration	
PSCI 4124	Denver Politics	
PSCI 4206	Social Movements, Democracy and Global Politics	
PSCI 4207	Theories of Social and Political Change	
PSCI 4248	Gender, Development and Globalization	
PSCI 4265	Social Justice And Globalization	
PSCI 4274	Conflict Resolution and Public Consent Building	
PSCI 4414	Non-Profits and Social Change	
PSCI 4535	Labor and Working Class Politics	
PSCI 4840	Independent Study: PSCI ¹	
PSCI 5424	The Social Economy and Sustainable Development	
PSCI 5434	The Cooperative Movement: Politics and Policy	
PSCI 5548	Labor Law and Collective Bargaining	
Total Hours		12

¹ PSCI 4002 Topics in Political Science and PSCI 4840 Independent Study: PSCI, can only be applied with advisor approval.

To learn more about the Student Learning Outcomes for this program, please visit our website (<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/newdirections/certificates/graduate-certificate-public-non-profit-community-leadership-certificate/>).