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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements

- 120 credit hours
- 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
- 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
- Residency: At least 30 credit hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS.

Student Responsibilities

Students are required to know and follow:

- All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
- All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore Political Science: [Home](http://www.uccs.edu) | [Department of Political Science \(uccs.edu\)](http://www.uccs.edu/department-of-political-science)

Major Requirements				
Political Science Major General Track (36 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 36 credit hours of PSC course work and a minimum of 21 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) PSC course work. • At least 30 hours of PSC course work must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. No grade below a "C-" may apply to the major. • A minimum 2.0 average GPA in all PSC course work is needed to complete the major. 	PSC 1010	Introduction to Global Politics	3	
	PSC 1100	American Political System	3	
	PSC 2070	Might and Right Among Nations	3	
	PSC 2450	American Political Thought	3	
	PSC 3420	Political Theory	3	
	PSC 3500	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3	
	Capstone/Summit Course	Complete one Summit/Capstone course from the following list: PSC 4025, 4080, 4210, 4250, 4470		3
	American Politics Course	Complete one UNUSED course from the following list: PSC 2100, 3030, 3050, 3200, 3430, 3450, 4020, 4025, 4040, 4080, 4390, 4440, 4451, 4470, 4480, 4481		3
	Global Politics Course	Complete one UNUSED course from the following list: PSC 3110, 3240, 4140, 4180, 4210, 4220, 4230, 4240, 4250, 4260, 4270, 4280, 4290, 4300, 4530, 4560, 4570, 4580, 4590, 4600		3
	Electives	Complete an additional 9 hours of UNUSED PSC electives to fulfill total and upper-division credit hours for the major. At least 6 hours must be upper-division (3000+ level).		9
	Political Science Portfolio	Complete the Political Science department portfolio. Contact the department for details.		0
Political Science Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Senior Exit Exam during the final semester. Contact the department for details on how to access the exam.		0	

General Education and Elective Requirements

Core Writing Requirement (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (<i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i>) ENGL 1410 Writing Portfolio – PORT 3000 (0 credits) or PORT 4000 (1 credit) or alternative – See Degree Audit 	
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
Core Humanities (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course. 	
Natural Sciences Lab (1 hour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Degree Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component 	
Oral Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Degree Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course may also fulfill general education or major requirements. 	
LAS Language other than English Requirement	Complete two semesters of a language other than English equivalent to 1010 & 1020 with high school, transfer, placement exam, or UCCS coursework. <i>Courses taken to fulfill this requirement may also count toward Compass Curriculum Explore - Arts, Humanities and Cultures or general electives. See degree audit for details.</i>	
Compass Curriculum (21 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and Navigate courses must be taken in departments other than the major. Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses may count toward other requirements within the degree. 	Component	Course
	Gateway Program Seminar	GPS 1010
	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses)	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses)	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses)	See Degree Audit
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)
	Summit	Capstone/Summit Course (included in major requirements)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) PSC 3500 (included in major requirements)
Inclusiveness (2 courses: 1 Global and 1 Local)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global: PSC 1010 Local: See Degree Audit 	
Sustainability	PSC 3420 (included in major requirements)	
General Electives (50 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.	

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course	3
		PSC 1010	3		PSC 1100	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC 2070	3		PSC 2450
		PSC American Politics Course	3		PSC Global Politics Course	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		General Elective	3		Natural Science Lab	1
					General Elective	2
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC 3420	3		PSC 3500
		PSC Elective	3		Upper-Division (UD) PSC Elective	3
		HUM 3990	3		General Elective	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		General Elective (<i>Oral Communication</i>)	3		General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC Capstone/Summit Course	3		UD PSC Elective
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective	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