

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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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](http://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 American Politics Track (36 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• At least 30 hours of PSCI courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. No grade below "C-" may apply to the major.</li> <li>• A minimum 2.0 average GPA in all PSC course work is needed to complete the major.</li> </ul>	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	<i>Complete one American Politics Capstone/Summit Course from the following list: 4025, 4080, 4210, 4250, 4470</i>	3
	American Politics Courses	<i>Complete three UNUSED courses from the following list: PSC 2100, 3030, 3050, 3200, 3430, 3450, 4020, 4025, 4040, 4080, 4390, 4440, 4451, 4470, 4480, 4481</i>	9
	Electives	<i>Complete an additional 6 hours of UNUSED PSC electives to fulfill total and upper-division credit hours for the major. At least 3 hours must be upper-division (3000+ level).</i>	6
	Political Science Portfolio	<i>Complete the Political Science department portfolio. Contact the department for details.</i>	0
Political Science Senior Exit Exam	<i>Complete the Senior Exit Exam during the final semester. Contact the department for details on how to access the exam.</i>	0	

## General Education and Elective Requirements

<b>Core Writing Requirement</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (<i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i>)</li> <li>ENGL 1410</li> <li>Writing Portfolio – PORT 3000 (0 credits) or PORT 4000 (1 credit) or alternative – See Degree Audit</li> </ul>	
<b>Reasoning Skills</b> (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
<b>Core Humanities</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUM 3990                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Natural Sciences Lab</b> (1 hour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Degree Audit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>Oral Communication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Degree Audit                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This course may also fulfill general education or major requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>LAS Language other than English Requirement</b>	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>	
<b>Compass Curriculum</b> (21 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore and Navigate courses must be taken in departments other than the major.</li> <li>Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses may count toward other requirements within the degree.</li> </ul>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Course</b>
	<b>Gateway Program Seminar</b>	GPS 1010
	<b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses)</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses)</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses)</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Navigate</b>	HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)
	<b>Summit</b>	Capstone/Summit Course (included in major requirements)
<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)</li> <li>PSC 3500 (included in major requirements)</li> </ul>		
	<b>Inclusiveness (2 courses: 1 Global and 1 Local)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global: PSC 1010</li> <li>Local: See Degree Audit</li> </ul>
	<b>Sustainability</b>	PSC 3420 (included in major requirements)
<b>General Electives</b> (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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC 2070	3		PSC 2450
		PSC Elective*	3		American 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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC 3420	3		PSC 3500
		Upper-Division (UD) PSC Elective	3		UD American Politics Course	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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC Capstone/Summit Course	3		UD American Politics Course
		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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>

\*One of these must be upper-division (3000+ level).