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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: Last 30 credit hours of 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](#) | [Department of Political Science \(uccs.edu\)](https://www.uccs.edu/departments/political-science)

Major Requirements			
Political Science Major (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 courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. No grade below a C- may apply to the major. 	PSC 1010	Introduction to Global Politics	3
	PSC 1100	American Political System	3
	PSC 2070 OR PSC 2450	Might and Right Among Nations American Political Thought	3
	PSC 3420	Political Theory	3
	PSC 3500	Introduction to Political Inquiry	3
	American Political Institutions and Behavior Courses	Complete one course from the following: PSC 2100, 3030, 3050, 3200, 3430, 3450, 3480, 4020, 4025, 4040, 4080, 4390, 4440, 4451, 4470, 4480, 4481	3
	Global Politics Courses	Complete one course from the following: PSC 2090, 3110, 4140, 4180, 4210, 4220, 4230, 4240, 4260, 4270, 4280, 4290, 4300, 4530, 4560, 4570, 4580, 4590, 4600	3
	Public Administration, Policy, and Law Courses	Complete one course from the following: PSC 3200, 3430, 3450, 3980, 4020, 4025, 4060, 4070, 4320, 4350, 4451, 4460, 4470, 4480, 4481, 4490, 4510, 4540, 4550, 9480	3
	Capstone	Complete one capstone course from the following: PSC 4020, 4025, 4080, 4210, 4470	3
	Electives	Complete an additional 9 hours of PSC courses to meet total and upper-division credit hours.	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

POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A.

General Track



University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

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 PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio 	
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
Area Requirements (27 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course. <p>NOTE: Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.</p>	
Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements	One course from each list (see degree audit). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</i>	
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 (12 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree 	Component	Course
	Gateway	GPS 1010
	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Physical and Natural World	See Degree Audit
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
	Summit	PSC 4020, 4025, 4080, 4210 or 4470 (included in major requirements)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) PSC 3500 (included in major requirements)
	Inclusiveness	See Degree Audit
	Sustainability	PSC 3420 (included in major requirements)
General Electives (36 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	3
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course (<i>INDS 1050</i>)	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 or PSC 2450	3		PSC 3420	3
		PSC American Political Institutions Course	3		PSC Global Politics Course	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Natural Science Elective w/lab	4
		Humanities Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		General Elective (<i>Cultural Diversity</i>)	3		General Elective (<i>Oral Communication</i>)	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		PSC 3500	3		UD PSC Elective	3
		Upper-Division (UD) PSC Elective	3		UD PSC Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		Humanities Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		UD PSC Public Administration, Policy & Law Course	3		PSC Capstone Course	3
		HUM 3990	3		Social Science 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