POLITICAL SCIENCE B.A.
American Politics Track

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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)

Major Requirements			
Political Science Major	**Course/Area**	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**
Political Science major • 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 PSCI 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
	PSC 4470	Constitutional Law	3
	American Politics Option Courses	*Complete 3 courses from the following American Political Institutions & Behavior and Public Administration, Policy & Law course lists*: PSC 2100, 3030, 3050, 3200, 3430, 3450, 3480, 3980, 4020, 4025, 4040, 4060, 4070, 4080, 4320, 4350, 4390, 4440, 4451,4460, 4470, 4480, 4481, 4490, 4510, 4540, 4550, 9480	9
	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

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General Education and Elective Requirements

Core Writing Requirement (6 hours)	• ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 *(Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.)* • ENGL 1410 • PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.
Area Requirements (27 hours) • Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements	• 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. **NOTE:** Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.
Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements	One course from each list (see degree audit). *All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other 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. *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.*

Compass Curriculum (12 hours)	Component	Course
• Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements • Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree	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 4470 (included in major requirements)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) *Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)*	• 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.**

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year One		ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course *(INDS 1050)*	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

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Two		PSC 2070 **or** 2450	3		PSC 3420	3
		PSC Elective	3		PSC Elective	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Natural Science Elective w/lab	4
		Humanities Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		General Elective *(Cultural Diversity)*	3		General Elective *(Oral Communication)*	3
		TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	16

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Three		PSC 3500	3		UD PSC American Politics Option Course	3
		Upper-Division (UD) PSC Elective	3		UD PSC American Politics Option Course	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

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Four		UD PSC American Politics Option Course	3		PSC 4470 (Capstone)	3
		HUM 3990	3		Social Science Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
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		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

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