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 American Politics Track (36 hours) - 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 "C-" may apply to the major.	**Course/Area**	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**
	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 American Politics Capstone/Summit Course from the following list:* *4025, 4080, 4470*	3
	American Politics Courses	*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*	9
	Electives	*Complete an additional 6 hours of PSC courses to meet total and upper-division credit hours for the major.*	6
	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 • 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)	• HUM 3990 o This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course.
Natural Sciences Lab (1 hour)	• See Degree Audit o This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component
Oral Communication	• See Degree Audit o 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. *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 (21 hours)
- 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)*	• HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) • PSC 3500 (included in major requirements)
Inclusiveness *(2 courses)*	• PSC 1010 • 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.**

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year One		ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
		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

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Two		PSC 2070	3		PSC 2450	3
		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
		TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Three		PSC 3420	3		PSC 3500	3
		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 *(Oral Communication)*	3		General Elective *(Inclusiveness)*	3
		TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Four		PSC Capstone/Summit Course	3		UD American Politics Course	3
		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

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