

## 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: 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](https://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 Public Administration 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 a C- may apply to the major.</li> </ul>	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 4320	Public Administration	3
	PSC 4460	Administrative Law	3
	Capstone Course	Complete one of the following courses: PSC 4020 - The American Congress or PSC 4080 - U.S. Electoral Process or PSC 4470 - Constitutional Law	3
	Public Administration, Policy, and Law Courses	Complete three courses from the following: PSC 3200, 3430, 3450, 3980, 4020, 4025, 4060, 4070, 4320, 4350, 4451, 4460, 4470, 4480, 4481, 4490, 4510, 4540, 4550, 9480	9
	Electives	Complete an additional 6 hours of PSC courses to meet total and upper-division credit hours.	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

## 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>PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio</li> </ul>	
<b>Reasoning Skills</b> (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
<b>Area Requirements</b> (27 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990.</li> <li>Social Sciences – 9 credit hours</li> <li>Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours, of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.</p>	
<b>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</b>	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>	
<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> (12 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements</li> <li>Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree</li> </ul>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Course</b>
	<b>Gateway</b>	GPS 1010
	<b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Navigate</b>	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
	<b>Summit</b>	PSC 4020, 4080, or 4470 (included in major requirements)
	<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b> <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</li> <li>See Degree Audit</li> </ul>
	<b>Inclusiveness</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Sustainability</b>	See Degree Audit
<b>General Electives</b> (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 1100	3		PSC Elective	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		PSC 2070 or PSC 2450	3		PSC 3420	3
		PSC Elective	3		Upper-Division (UD) PSC Public Administration 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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		PSC 3500	3		PSC 4320	3
		UD PSC Public Administration Course	3		UD PSC Public Administration Course	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		Humanities Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		PSC 4460	3		PSC 4020, 4080, or 4470 (Capstone)	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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15