PHILOSOPHY/POLITICAL SCIENCE DOUBLE MAJOR

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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements
1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
4. 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:
1. All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
2. 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.

MAJOR INFORMATION

Philosophy teaches analytical and critical thinking, develops oral and written communication skills, and contributes to interdisciplinary understanding. Philosophy as a discipline attempts to answer perennial questions about values, human existence, and the nature of reality. Skills developed in this inquiry help philosophy students to excel in careers in law, medicine, management, education, government, writing, computer science, psychology, sociology, and ministry among many others.

Political Science is the study of government and public policy and of the political behavior of individuals and groups. It uses both humanistic and scientific perspectives and skills to examine political systems in the United States, all countries and regions of the world, and international relations. Political science students understand the dynamic and changing political world in which we live and its ramifications for our lives. The understanding of how politics work, motivating factors behind public policy, and the use of public strength to advantage as well as many other topics are critical to political science.

Major Requirements			
Philosophy/Political Science Double Major **Philosophy Major** • Requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of PHIL work and a minimum of 21 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) PHIL course work. • All PHIL courses must have a grade of "C" or better. **Political Science major** • Requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of PSC course work and a minimum of 21 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) PSC course work. All PSC courses must have a grade of "C" or better. **Double Major Note:** Students must complete at least one Summit course between the two majors. Summit options are: PHIL 4950, PSC 4020, PSC 4210, or PSC 4470.	**Course/Area**	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**
		PHILOSOPHY REQUIREMENTS	
	PHIL 1120	Critical Thinking	3
	Upper-Division Electives	*Complete a minimum of 21 hours of upper-division (3000+ level) PHIL courses. **Note**: PHIL 4950 highly recommended.*	21
	Electives	*Complete an additional 6 hours of PHIL courses to meet total credit hours.*	6
	Choose 1 Track	**POLITICAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS**	
	GENERAL TRACK	*GENERAL TRACK*	
		Required: PSC 1010, 1100, 2070 **or** 2450, 3420, 3500	15
		Complete 1 course each from the American Political Institutions and Behavior (**API**), Global Politics (**GP**), and Public Administration, Policy and Law (**PAP**) Courses listed in the degree audit.	9
		PSC elective courses to meet total and upper-division credit hours.	6
	AMERICAN POLITICS	*AMERICAN POLITICS/PUBLIC LAW TRACK*	
		Required: PSC 1010, 1100, 2070 **or** PSC 2450, 3420, 3500, 4470	18
		Complete 3 courses from the API and/or the PAP Courses listed in the degree audit.	9
		PSC elective courses to meet total and upper-division credit hours.	3
	GLOBAL POLITICS	*GLOBAL POLITICS TRACK*	
		Required: PSC 1010, 1100, 2070 **or** 2450, 3420, 3500, 4210, 4220	21
		Complete 3 upper-division courses from the GP Courses listed in the degree audit.	9
	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION	*PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TRACK*	
		Required: PSC 1100, 2070 **or** 2450, 3420, 3500, 4320, 4460	18
		Complete 3 courses from the PAP Courses listed in degree audit.	9
		PSC elective courses to meet total and upper-division credit hours.	3

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General Education and Elective Requirements

Composition (6 hours)	1. ENGL 1310 2. ENGL 1410 3. 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 • Courses may not be taken pass/fail	1. Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM3990. 2. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours 3. 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.*

Compass Curriculum (12 hours)

• 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	PHIL 4950, PSC 4020, PSC 4210 or PSC 4470
Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) *Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)*	1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. See Degree Audit
Inclusiveness	See Degree Audit
Sustainability	See Degree Audit

General Electives (12 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		PHIL 1120	3		Political Science Option Course	3
		ENGL 1310			Political Science Option Course	3
		GPS 1010	3		ENGL 1410	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		INDS 1050	3
		TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Two		Political Science Option Course	3		Political Science Option Course	3
		Political Science Option Course	3		Political Science Option Course	3
		Philosophy Upper-Division Elective (3000+ level)	3		Philosophy Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective w/lab	5		Philosophy - UD	3
					Social Science Elective	3
		TOTAL	14		**TOTAL**	15

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Three		Political Science Option Course	3		Philosophy - UD	3
		Political Science Option Course	3		Philosophy - UD	3
		Philosophy - UD	3		Political Science Option Course	3
		Social Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		General Elective	3		Oral Communication	3
		TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

	√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
Year Four		Political Science Option Course	3		Philosophy - UD	3
		Philosophy - UD	3		Philosophy - UD	3
		HUM 3990	3		Natural Science Elective	4
		Humanities Elective	3		General Elective	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	16

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