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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 \(uccs.edu\)](http://Home | Department of Political Science (uccs.edu))

| Major Requirements | | | |
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| Political Science Major | Course/Area | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| Political Science major <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. • All PSC courses must have a grade of "C" or better. | PSC 1010 | Introduction to Global Politics | 3 |
| | PSC 1100 | American Political System | 3 |
| | PSC 2070 | Might and Right Among Nations | 3 |
| | OR PSC 2450 | American Political Thought | |
| | 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 | |

| General Education and Elective Requirements | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 Courses may not be taken pass/fail | <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> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gateway</td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Physical and Natural World</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navigate</td> <td>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summit</td> <td>PSC 4470 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) PSC 3500 (included in major requirements) </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclusiveness</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>PSC 3420 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | 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 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) |
| 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) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 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 |
| | | 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 2450 | 3 | | PSC 3420 |
| | | 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 (<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 American Politics Option Course |
| | | 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 |

| Year Four | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|-----------|---|---------------------|--|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | | | UD PSC American Politics Option Course | 3 | | PSC 4470 (Capstone) |
| | | 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 |