

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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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](http://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

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			
Political Science Major	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Political Science major</b> <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> </ul> <p>At least 30 hours must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.</p>	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
	American Political Institutions and Behavior Courses	Complete one course from the following: PSC 2100, 3030, 3050, 3200, 3430, 3450, 3480, 4020, 4025, 4040, 4080, 4390, 4440, 4470, 4480, 4451, 4481	3
	Global Politics Courses	Complete one course from the following: PSC 2090, 3110, 4140, 4180, 4210, 4220, 4230, 4240, 4260, 4270, 4280, 4290, 4300, 4530, 4560, 4570, 4580, 4590, 4600	3
	Public Administration, Policy, and Law Courses	Complete one course from the following: PSC 3200, 3430, 3450, 3980, 4020, 4025, 4060, 4070, 4320, 4350, 4451, 4460, 4470, 4480, 4481, 4490, 4510, 4540, 4550, 9480	3
	Capstone	Complete one capstone course from the following: PSC 4020, 4210, 4470	3
	Electives	Complete an additional 9 hours of PSC course 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

<b>Composition</b> (3 hours)	1. ENGL 1310 2. ENGL 1410 3. PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio	
<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><li>Courses may not be taken pass/fail</li></ul>	1. Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990. 2. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours 3. Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours, of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course  <b>NOTE:</b> Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.	
<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>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, PSC 4210 or PSC 4470 (included in major requirements)
	<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b> <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. See Degree Audit
<b>Inclusiveness</b>	See Degree Audit	
<b>Sustainability</b>	See Degree Audit	
<b>General Electives</b> (30-33 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
		PSC 1010	3		PSC 1100	3
		GPS 1010	3		INDS 1050	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Humanities Elective	3
		General Elective	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC 2070 OR PSC 2450	3		Upper Division (UD) PSC Elective
		PSC 3500	3		UD PSC Elective	3
		Humanities Elective	3		Natural Science Elective w/lab	4
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Oral Communication requirement	3
		Social Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			PSC 3420	3		Public Administration, Policy & Law Course
		American Political Institutions Course	3		PSC UD Elective	3
		Global Politics Course	3		Social Science Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		General Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			HUM 3990	3		PSC Capstone
		PSC UD Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		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>	14