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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

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
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 4210	International Politics	3
	PSC 4220	Comparative Politics	3
	Global Politics Courses	Complete three courses from the following: PSC 2090, 3110, 4140, 4180, 4210, 4220, 4230, 4240, 4260, 4270, 4280, 4290, 4300, 4530, 4560, 4570, 4580, 4590, 4600	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																					
Composition (3 hours)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1310 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 	<ol 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 4210 (included in major requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) See Degree Audit </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclusiveness</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>See Degree Audit</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 4210 (included in major requirements)	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) See Degree Audit 	Inclusiveness	See Degree Audit	Sustainability	See Degree Audit
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General Electives (24-27 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
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

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

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			Global Politics Option Course	3		Global Politics Option Course
		PSC 4210	3		PSC 3420	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
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		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			UD PSC Elective	3		PSC Elective
		Global Politics Option Course	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
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		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14