

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences – Political Science – American Politics Option

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General Academic Information

Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of each student to know and follow all Academic policies established by the University and the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences (LAS) that are set forth in the Catalog (catalog.uccs.edu).

Course Prerequisites

Students are responsible for knowing and completing all course prerequisites. Course prerequisites are strictly enforced for all classes at UCCS.

Restrictions and Limitations

Students may apply a maximum of 30 credit hours towards the bachelor's degree from course work taken outside the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences. Students may apply a maximum of 8 credit hours of independent study towards the major area of study and a maximum of 16 credit hours towards the bachelor's degree. Students may apply a maximum of 21 credit hours of Military Science/ROTC towards general electives and towards the bachelor's degree.

Probation/Suspension

To remain in good academic standing within the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, students must maintain a cumulative CU GPA of 2.0, or better. Students whose cumulative CU GPA falls below a 2.0 will be placed on probation for the next semester in which they are enrolled. While on probation students must achieve a minimum semester GPA of a 2.25. If the required semester GPA is not met, the student will be suspended from the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences for a full academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). PLEASE NOTE: *While on probation, registration for the subsequent semester will be blocked until final grades are posted for the current semester. This is to verify that the minimum semester GPA for each student has been fulfilled.*

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Major Degree Requirements

> A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).

- > No more than 54 hours of PSC course work can count towards the degree.
- > The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.
- > Courses numbered below 1000 do not count towards degree completion.

Compass Curriculum

Compass Curriculum is the campus-wide general education program at UCCS. The Compass Curriculum has multiple components many of which will coincide with the degree requirements listed in this guide. Please visit the Compass Curriculum website at www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum, review your degree audit, or check out the Compass Curriculum advising guide for specific course details. The required components are listed below and referenced in the guide.

REQUIRED COMPASS CURRICULUM COMPONENTS:

Component	Course
Gateway	GPS 1010
Explore¹ – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	See List
Explore¹ – Society, Behavior and Health	See List
Explore¹ – Physical and Natural World	See List
Navigate²	HUM 3990
Summit	PSC 4470
Writing Intensive Course (WIC)³ <i>Two courses with at least one upper-division (3000+ level).</i>	HUM 3990 See List
Inclusiveness³	See List
Sustainability³	See List

¹ Explore must be outside major and area requirements.

² Navigate must be outside major requirements.

³ Can count towards other requirements within the Compass Curriculum or within a student's degree program.



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE – AMERICAN POLITICS OPTION

Department website: www.uccs.edu/polisci

Degree Requirements	Courses					
<p>Political Science Major (36 hours)</p> <p>The Political Science major 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.</p> <p>At least 30 hours must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.</p>	Course Number	Course Title			Credit Hours	
	PSC 1010	Introduction to Global Politics			3	
	PSC 1100	American Political System			3	
	PSC 2450	American Political Thought			3	
	PSC 2500	Introduction to Political Inquiry			3	
	PSC 3420	Political Theory			3	
	PSC 4470	Constitutional Law			3	
American Politics/Public Law Option	<i>Complete three courses from the following:</i> American Politics: PSC 2100, PSC 3030, PSC 3050, PSC 3480, PSC 4020, PSC 4040, PSC 4080, PSC 4390, PSC 4470, PSC 4480 Public Law: PSC 3980, PSC 4060, PSC 4070, PSC 4320, PSC 4350, PSC 4460, PSC 4470, PSC 4480, PSC 4490, PSC 4510, PSC 4540, PSC 4550, PSC 9480			9		
Electives	<i>Complete an additional 9 hours of PSC courses to meet total and upper-division credit hours.</i>			9		
Political Science Portfolio	<i>Complete the Political Science department portfolio. Contact the department for details.</i>			0		
<p>Composition (6 hours)</p>	<i>Complete ENGL 1310, 1410, and the Writing Portfolio.</i>					
	ENGL 1310	Rhetoric & Writing I			3	
	ENGL 1410	Rhetoric & Writing II			3	
	PORT 3000	Writing Portfolio Assessment			0	
<p>Reasoning Skills (3 hours)</p>	<i>Complete one of the courses listed below. Other options exist to fulfill this requirement. See the catalog or your degree audit for details.</i>					
	ID 1050	ID 2000	MATH 1200			
<p>Area Requirements (27 hours)</p> <p>All LAS students are required to complete 9 credit hours in each of three areas - humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The total requirement is 27 hours.</p> <p>Specific Limitations: > No more than two courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements. > Courses in the primary major may not be applied to area requirements. > Courses may not be taken pass/fail.</p>	<p>HUMANITIES – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below. <i>Course selection must include one occurrence of HUM 3990.</i></p>					
	AH 1000	AH 1001	AH 2800	AH 2810	AH 2820	AH 2860
	AH 2890	AH 3430	COMM 2250	COMM 3100	COMM 3500	COMM 4000
	ENGL 1500	ENGL 2600	ENGL 2610	ENGL 3320	ENGL 3900	FCS 3180
	FCS 3190	FCS 3240	FCS 3690	FCS 3890	FCS 4210	FILM 1000
	FILM 2000	FILM 3690	FR 3240	GER 3180	GER 3190	HIST 1120
	HIST 1130	HIST 1140	HIST 1400	HIST 1410	HIST 1540	HIST 1600
	HIST 1610	HUM 3990	ID 2000	MUS 1000	MUS 2050	MUS 2850
	PHIL 1000	PHIL 1020	PHIL 1120	PHIL 1300	PHIL 3000	PHIL 3100
	PHIL 3160	PHIL 3180	PHIL 4070	SPAN 3690	SPAN 4210	SOC 4920
	THTR 1000	THTR 3201	THTR 3202	VA 1010	VA 1020	WEST 2030
	WEST 2040	WEST 3020	WEST 3100	WEST 3550	WEST 4050	WEST 4280
	WEST 4920					
	<p>SOCIAL SCIENCE – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below.</p>					
	ANTH 1020	ANTH 1040	ANTH 2800	ANTH 3040	ANTH 3260	ANTH 3270
	COMM 1020	COMM 2150	COMM 3440	COMM 4200	COMM 4220	COMM 4250
	ECON 1000	ECON 1010	ECON 1050	ECON 2020	ECON 3150	ECON 3710
	GES 1980	GES 1990	GRNT 2300	GRNT 3000	MSGP 4100	PHIL 3200
	PHIL 4260	PHIL 4400	PSY 1000	SOC 1110	SOC 2120	SOC 2200
	SOC 2220	SOC 2250	SOC 2300	SOC 2500	SOC 3340	SOC 3610
	WEST 1010	WEST 2500	WEST 3060	WEST 3070	WEST 3090	WEST 3620
	WEST 4100	WEST 4120	WEST 4500			

	NATURAL SCIENCE – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below. At least one course must have, or be, a lab course. Lab courses are marked in bold.					
	ANTH 1030	ANTH 3320	ANTH 3340	ANTH 3370	BIOL 1000	BIOL 1050
	BIOL 1060	BIOL 1510	BIOL 1530	BIOL 2000	BIOL 3411	CHEM 1101
	CHEM 1102	CHEM 1111	CHEM 1112	CHEM 1121	CHEM 1122	CHEM 1201
	CHEM 1211	CHEM 1401	CHEM 1402	CHEM 1411	CHEM 1412	CHEM 1511
	CHEM 1513	ENSC 1500	ENSC 1510	ENSC 1600	ENSC 1620	ENSC 3200
	GES 1000	GES 1010	GES 1050	GES 3200	GES 3250	GEOL 1010
	GEOL 1020	GEOL 1530	GEOL 3170	GEOL 3700	GEOL 4660	ID 2050
	PES 1000	PES 1040	PES 1050	PES 1060	PES 1090	PES 1100
	PES 1140	PES 1160	PES 1170	PES 1310	PES 1600	PES 1620
	PES 1710	PES 1720	PSY 3270			
Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements	ORAL COMMUNICATION – Complete one of the courses listed below.					
	BIOL 4040	CHEM 4911	CHEM 4921	COMM 2010	COMM 2100	COMM 3240
	COMM 4100	MATH 4040	PES 4810	PHIL 1040	PHIL 4950	TED 4600
	TED 4700	THTR 2020	THTR 2030	THTR 2040	THTR 2050	THTR 3100
	CULTURAL DIVERSITY – Complete one of the courses listed below.					
	AH 3430	ANTH 3250	ANTH 3420	ASL 4000	COMM 3280	ENGL 3320*
	ENGL 4060	FCS 3360	FCS 4210*	GES 4680	HIST 3520	HIST 3580
	MUS 2050*	PHIL 3180*	PHIL 3230	PHIL 4550	SOC 2200*	SOC 2250*
	SOC 3220	SOC 3250	SOC 3290	SOC 4240	SOC 4290	SOC 4390
	SOC 4680	SOC 4920*	SPAN 4210*	SPAN 4420	THTR 3240	WEST 1010*
	WEST 2020	WEST 3090	WEST 3130	WEST 3150	WEST 3250	WEST 3290
	WEST 3360	WEST 3420	WEST 3520	WEST 3580	WEST 4120*	WEST 4280*
	WEST 4390	WEST 4500*	WEST 4550	WEST 4680	WEST 4920*	
	GLOBAL AWARENESS – Complete one of the courses listed below.					
	ANTH 1040*	ANTH 3040*	AH 3450	AH 3460	AH 4450	AH 4470
	BIOL 1510*	CHEM 1111*	CHEM 4521	ECON 3590	ECON 3710*	ENGL 2600*
	ENGL 2610*	ENGL 4065	EUST 3000	FCS 3180*	FCS 3190*	FCS 3250
	FCS 3380	FCS 3690*	FCS 3890*	FILM 2000*	FILM 3690*	FR 3250
	GER 3180*	GER 3190*	GES 1980*	GES 1990*	GES 3070	GES 3400
	GES 3820	GES 3980	GES 4640	GRNT 3560	HIST 1110	HIST 1120*
	HIST 1130*	HIST 1140*	HIST 1400*	HIST 1410*	HIST 1600*	HIST 1610*
	HIST 3120	HIST 3220	HIST 3560	HIST 3590	HIST 3680	HIST 4050
	HIST 4060	HIST 4130	HIST 4150	HIST 4160	HIST 4280	HIST 4860
	MUS 3150	PHIL 1300*	PHIL 1400	PHIL 3000	PHIL 3100*	PHIL 3240
	PHIL 3345	PHIL 3400	PHIL 3480	PHIL 3490	PHIL 3500	PSC 1010*
	PSC 2070*	PSC 2080*	PSC 2090*	PSC 3240*	PSC 4170*	PSC 4190*
	PSC 4210*	PSC 4570*	PSC 4580*	PSC 4590*	PSY 3560	SOC 2220*
	SOC 3340*	SOC 4380	SOC 4600	SOC 4700*	SPAN 3690*	WEST 3380
	WEST 3480*	WEST 3560	WEST 3680	WEST 4050	WEST 4060	WEST 4170
	WEST 4380	WEST 4700*				
Compass Curriculum (12 hours)	Complete all Compass Curriculum requirements not already completed as part of the above program. The Gateway Seminar (GPS 1010) must be completed by all students. Explore courses must be completed outside of the major and Area Requirements. All other Compass Curriculum requirements can be completed within the degree requirements above. To see a list of all Compass Curriculum courses, please visit: www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum .					
General Electives (33-36 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.					

UCCS Four-Year Degree Plan – Political Science – American Politics Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree at UCCS. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
	PSC 1010	3		PSC 1100	3
	GPS 1010	3		ID 1050	3
	Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Humanities Elective	3
	General Elective	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	PSC 2450	3		Upper Division (UD) PSC Elective	3
	PSC 2500	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

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	American Politics Option Course	3		American Politics Option Course	3
	UD PSC Elective	3		PSC 3420	3
	Natural Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Fourth Year

√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	PSC 4470	3		PSC Elective	3
	American Politics Option Course	3		Natural Science Elective	2
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14