

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES B.A.

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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: At least 30 credit hours of the 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 Geography and Environmental Studies: [Home | Department of Geography & Environmental Studies \(uccs.edu\)](https://www.uccs.edu/geography)

Major Requirements			
Geography & Environmental Studies Major (41 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires a minimum of 41 credit hours of GES course work.• Requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) GES course work.• All GES courses must have a grade of "C-" or better.• A minimum 2.0 GPA must be maintained in all GES course work taken toward the degree.	GES 1000	This Dynamic Planet: Climate and Vegetation	4
	GES 1010	This Dynamic Planet: Landforms and Water	4
	GES 1980	World Regional Geography	4
	GES 1990	Introduction to Human Geography	4
	Geography Directed Elective	Complete one of the following: GES 2050, 3030, or 3060	4
	Geography Summit	Complete one of the following: GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660	1-4
	Electives	Complete a minimum of 17 additional hours of UNUSED GES coursework to meet total and upper-division (3000+ level) credit hour requirements for the major.	17-20
	Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.	0

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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 1410Writing Portfolio – PORT 3000 (0 credits) or PORT 4000 (1 credit) or alternative – See Degree Audit	
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
Core Humanities (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HUM 3990<ul style="list-style-type: none">This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course.	
Natural Sciences Lab (1 hour)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">See Degree Audit<ul style="list-style-type: none">This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component	
Oral Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">See Degree Audit<ul style="list-style-type: none">This course may also fulfill general education or major requirements.	
LAS Language other than English Requirement	Complete two semesters of a language other than English equivalent to 1010 & 1020 with high school, transfer, placement exam, or UCCS coursework. <i>Courses taken to fulfill this requirement may also count toward Compass Curriculum Explore - Arts, Humanities and Cultures or general electives. See degree audit for details.</i>	
Compass Curriculum (21 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore and Navigate courses must be taken in departments other than the major.Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses may count toward other requirements within the degree.	Component	Course
	Gateway Program Seminar	GPS 1010
	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses)	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses)	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses)	See Degree Audit
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)
	Summit	GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660 (included in major requirements)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)See Degree Audit
	Inclusiveness (2 courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GES 1980GES 1990
	Sustainability	GES 1000
General Electives (45 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	3
		GES 1980	4		GES 1000	4
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course (<i>INDS 1050</i>)	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	16

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		GES 1990	4		GES 1010	4
		GES Elective	3		GES Directed Elective	4
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Natural Science Lab	1
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		General Elective (<i>Writing Intensive</i>)	3
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
		UD GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
		HUM 3990	3		General Elective	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
					General Elective	3
		TOTAL	14		TOTAL	15

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		GES Summit Course	1		UD General Elective	3
		UD GES Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective	4		UD General Elective	4
		UD General Elective	4			
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	13