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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements

- 120 credit hours
- 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
- 2.5 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 \(uccs.edu\)](#)

Major Requirements				
Geography and Environmental Studies Major (34 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Geography major requires a minimum of 34 credit hours of GES course work, and a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES course work. • All GES courses must have a grade of "C-" or better. 	GES 1000	Environmental Systems: Climate and Vegetation	4	
	GES 1010	Environmental Systems: Landforms and Soils	4	
	GES 1980	World Regional Geography	4	
	GES 1990	Introduction to Human Geography	4	
	Geography Directed Elective	<i>Complete one of the following: GES 3030 or 3060</i>	4	
	Upper-Division Electives	<i>Complete an additional 14 hours of GES upper-division (3000+ level) coursework to meet total hour requirements for the major.</i>	14	
	Senior Exit Exam	<i>Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.</i>	0	
<p>Education Courses (46 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 46 credit hours of Core course work, and an additional 12 hours of auxiliary course work. • A grade of "B-" or better must be earned in all Professional Year courses. <p>*EDUC 3800 is recommended but not required, and if taken will increase the total hours for the degree.</p>	EDUC 1000 or SPED 3001	Introduction to Inclusive Education or Introduction to Special Education	3	
	EDUC 2000	Introduction to Educational Psychology	3	
	EDUC 2700	Schools, Society, and Diversity	3	
	EDUC 3800*	English as a Second Language for Education	(3)	
	IELM 3900 or 3950	Field Placement I (fall only) or II (spring only)	3	
	EDUC 3992	Introduction to Professional Year - Elementary	1	
	Professional Year Courses - All other course work must be completed before starting the Professional Year. All Professional Year courses should be taken in the specific semester listed			
	IELM 4015 (Spring I)	Teaching Reading & Writing Grades 2-6	3	
	EDUC 4100 (Summer)	Elementary Curriculum, Instruction, & Classroom Management	3	
	IECE 4010 (Summer)	Literacy Development, Instruction, and Interventions K-Grade 3	3	
	IELM 4025 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Mathematics	3	
	IELM 4035 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Science	3	
	IELM 4045 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Social Studies	3	
	IELM 4900 (Fall)	Field Placement III	3	
	IELM 4950 (Spring II)	Student Teaching	12	
	Elementary Education Auxiliary Courses			
	Economics Course	Choose one of the following: ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3	
ENGL 1500	Introduction to Literature for Non-Majors	3		
HIST 1510 or 1520	US: Birth of Nation 1607-1789 or U.S.: Expansion and Division, 1789-1877	3		
PSC 1100	The American Political System	3		

General Education and Elective Requirements

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 Writing Portfolio – PORT 3000 (0 credits) or PORT 4000 (1 credit) or alternative – See Degree Audit 	
Reasoning Skills (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 3010 & MATH 3020 	
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"> IELM 4950 (<i>Student Teaching</i>) 	
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 (6 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENGL 1500 (included in auxiliary courses) HIST 1510 or 1520 (included in auxiliary courses)
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDUC 2700 (included in Education requirements) PSC 1100 (included in auxiliary courses)
	Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 3010 (Included in Reasoning Skills requirement) See Degree Audit
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)
	Summit	IELM 4950 (included in Education requirements)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) IELM 4950 (included in Education requirements)
Inclusiveness (2 courses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GES 1980 & GES 1990 	
Sustainability	IELM 4035 (included in Education requirements)	
General Electives (6 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
			GPS 1010	3		ENGL 1410
		ENGL 1310	3		GES 1010	4
		GES 1000	4		GES 1980	4
		General Elective	3		EDUC 2700	3
					General Elective	3
		TOTAL	13		TOTAL	17

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			GES 1990	4		UD GES Directed Elective
		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	3		EDUC 2000	3
		HIST 1510 or 1520	3		ENGL 1500	3
		PSC 1100	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3		Natural Science Lab	1
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			UD GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective
		EDUC 1000 or SPED 3001	3		UD GES Elective	3
		IELM 3900 (<i>fall only</i>) OR IELM 3950 (<i>spring only</i>)	3		EDUC 3992	1
		MATH 3010	3		IELM 4015	3
		HUM 3990	3		MATH 3020	3
					EDUC 4100 and IECE 4010 (Taken During Summer)	6
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14/6

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			IELM 4025	3		IELM 4950
		IELM 4035	3			
		IELM 4045	3			
		IELM 4900	3			
		TOTAL	12		TOTAL	12