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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: [Home | Department of Geography \(uccs.edu\)](http://www.uccs.edu/department-of-geography)

Explore Women's and Ethnic Studies: [Home | Women's & Ethnic Studies \(uccs.edu\)](http://www.uccs.edu/women-and-ethnic-studies)

Major Requirements				
	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours	
<p>Geography & Environmental Studies/Women's & Ethnic Studies Double Major (63-64 hours)</p> <p>Geography & Environmental Studies Double Major</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 33 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. <p>Women's & Ethnic Studies Double Major</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 30 credit hours of WEST course work and a minimum of 21 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) WEST course work. • All WEST courses must have a grade of "C" or better. <p>*NOTE 1: If the WEST Standard Track Summit Experience is chosen, both courses must be taken together in the same semester.</p> <p>**NOTE 2: If the WEST Honors Track Summit Experience is chosen, WEST 4980 must be taken in the semester prior to WEST 4990.</p>	GEOGRAPHY REQUIREMENTS			
	Physical Geography Course	GES 1000 – Our Dynamic Planet: Climate and Vegetation <i>or</i> GES 1010 – Our Dynamic Planet: Landforms and Water		4
	Human/Cultural Geography Course	GES 1980 – World Regional Geography <i>or</i> GES 1990 – Intro to Human Geography		4
	Geography Directed Elective	<i>Complete one of the following:</i> GES 2050, 3030, or 3060		4
	Geography Summit	<i>Complete one of the following:</i> GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660 <i>or</i> One upper-division GES elective (see note below) [^]		1-4
	Geography Electives	<i>Complete a minimum of 17 additional hours of UNUSED GES coursework to meet total and upper-division (3000+ level) hours for the major.</i>		17-20
	Senior Exit Survey	<i>Complete the Geography Senior Exit Survey.</i>		0
	WEST REQUIREMENTS			
	WEST 1010	Introduction to Social Justice Studies		3
	WEST 3400	Theory and Methods in WEST		3
	WEST Substantive Area Requirements	Choose 1 course from each of the following 3 areas. For a complete, current list of courses, please refer to your degree audit and to the WEST program page in the Academic Catalog: https://catalog.uccs.edu/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transnational/Global Studies • Creative and Artistic Cultural Expressions • Social Movements, Communities and History 		9
	WEST Capstone/Summit Experience	Standard Track: WEST 4995 & one WEST 4000-level Capstone course* <i>or</i> Honors Track: WEST 4980 & WEST 4990** <i>or</i> One upper-division WEST elective (see note below) [^]		3-4
	WEST Electives	<i>Complete 12 hours of UNUSED WEST courses to fulfill total and upper-division hours for the major.</i>		11-12
^SUMMIT NOTE: Students can select either a GES or WEST Summit Experience course, but must take an additional upper-division (3000+ level) elective in the department not selected.				

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 (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 UCSS 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>																				
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General Electives (25-26 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
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course	3
		GES 1000 or GES 1010	4		GES 1980 or GES 1990	4
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		WEST 1010	3
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	16

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			GES Directed Elective	4		GES Elective
		WEST Substantive Area Course – Social Movements	3		WEST Substantive Area Course – Creative/Artistic	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		Natural Science Lab	1
		General Elective (<i>Oral Communication</i>)	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	13

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	3		UD GES Elective
		WEST 3400 (<i>fall only</i>)	3		UD GES Elective	4
		UD WEST Elective	3		UD WEST Substantive Area Course – Transnational	3
		HUM 3990	3		UD WEST Elective	3
		General Elective (<i>Writing Intensive</i>)	3			
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			WEST 4980 (<i>Honors Track</i>) OR UD WEST Elective OR WEST 4995 and a 4000-level Capstone course (<i>Standard Track</i>)	1-4		GES Summit Course OR UD GES Elective OR WEST 4990 (<i>Honors Track</i>)
		UD GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective (if needed) or General Elective	3
		UD WEST Elective	3		UD WEST Elective	3
		General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		General Elective	1-4		UD General Elective	1-4
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15