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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)

Major Requirements			
Geography & Environmental Studies Major (32 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
• Requires a minimum of 32 credit hours of GES and GEOL course work and an additional 22 hours of auxiliary coursework. • Requires a minimum of 16 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) GES and GEOL course work. • All GES and GEOL courses must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.	GES 1000	Our Dynamic Planet: Climate and Vegetation	4
	GES 1010	Our Dynamic Planet: Landforms and Water	4
	GES Introductory Course	GES 1980 - World Regional Geography or GES 1500 - Environmental Studies and Sustainability	4
	GEOL Introductory Course	GEOL 1010 - Physical Geology or GEOL 1020 - Historical Geology or GEOL 1530 - Geology of Colorado	4
	GEOL Upper-Division Course	GEOL 3050 Rocks and Minerals or GEOL 3170 Geology of Our National Parks or GEOL 3550 Volcanoes and their Hazards or GEOL 4110- Field Methods or GEOL 4660 - Field Study	4
	GES Directed Elective	Complete one of the following courses: GES 3030, 3060	4
	GES Upper-Division Electives	Complete two of the following courses: GEOL 3700, GES 3200, 3250, 4080, 4090, 4260, 4280, 4310, 4510, 4650, 4660	8
	Auxiliary Requirements		
	BIOL 1300/1310	General Biology: Organismic Biology and Lab	4
	BIOL 1350/1360	General Biology: Introduction to the Cell and Lab	4
Secondary Education - STEM Courses (37 hours)			
• Requires a minimum of 37 credit hours of required Education course work with grades of "B-" or better. *NOTE: UTED 1030 should be the first Education course taken in the sequence.	Education Core Courses		
	UTED 1030*	Inquiry Approaches/Lesson Plan Design for Secondary Math/Science Teaching	3
	EDUC 1000	Intro to Inclusive Education	3
	EDUC 2000	Intro to Educational Psychology	3
	EDUC 2700	Schools, Society, & Diversity	3
	EDUC 3800	ESL for Educators	3
	UTED 3020	Classroom Interactions (spring only)	3
	UTED 4710	Project-Based Instruction	4
	UTED 4720	Reading in the Content Area	3
	EDUC 4950	Secondary – Student Teaching	12

General Education and Elective Requirements

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Core Writing Requirement (6 hours)	- 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 Degree Audit NOTE: taking both MATH 1040 and GES 4000 will fulfill Reasoning Skills Option 2	
Core Humanities (3 hours)	- HUM 3990 - This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course.	
Natural Sciences Lab	CHEM 1402 (included in auxiliary requirements)	
Oral Communication	EDUC 4950 (<i>Secondary – 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 (12 hours) - 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	GPS 1010
	Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures (2 courses)	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Society, Behavior and Health (2 courses)	- UTED 1030 (included in Secondary Education reqs.) - See Degree Audit
	Explore – Physical and Natural World (2 courses)	- BIOL 1350 (included in auxiliary requirements) - CHEM 1401 (included in auxiliary requirements)
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements)
	Summit	EDUC 4950 (included in Secondary Education reqs.)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) (2 courses)	- HUM 3990 (included in LAS gen ed requirements) - UTED 4720 (included in Secondary Education reqs.)
	Inclusiveness (2 courses: 1 Global and 1 Local)	- Global: GES 1980 or 1500 (included in major reqs.) - Local: See Degree Audit
Sustainability	GES 1000 or 1500	
General Electives (5 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 or 1500	4		GES 1000	4
		BIOL 1300/1310	4		BIOL 1350/1360	4
		GPS 1010	3		EDUC 2000	3
		UTED 1030	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		TOTAL	17		TOTAL	17

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		GES 1010	4		GES Directed Elective	4
		GEOL 1010 or 1020 or 1530	4		CHEM 1401/1402	5
		PES 1010/1150	5		EDUC 2700	3
		EDUC 1000	3		Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course	3
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	4		GEOL 3050, 3170, 3550, 4110, or 4660	4
		EDUC 3800	3		UTED 3020 (<i>spring only</i>)	3
		HUM 3990	3		UTED 4710	4
		Reasoning Skills course	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		MATH 1040 or GES 4000	4			
		TOTAL	17		TOTAL	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		UD GES Elective	4		EDUC 4950	12
		UTED 4720	3			
		UD General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	4			
		General Elective	1			
		TOTAL	12		TOTAL	12

NOTE: Students must complete all course requirements other than UTED 4730 before the final semester.