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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: Last 30 credit hours of 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 Biology: [Undergraduate](https://www.uccs.edu/undergraduate/departments/biology) | [Department of Biology \(uccs.edu\)](https://www.uccs.edu/departments/biology)

| Major Requirements | | | |
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| Biology Major – Elementary Education option (32 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 32 credit hours of BIOL course work • Requires a minimum of 24 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) BIOL course work. • All BIOL courses must have a grade of "C-" or better. | Course/Area | Course Title | Credit Hours |
| | BIOL 1300/1310 | General Biology: Organismic Biology and Lab | 4 |
| | BIOL 1350/1360 | General Biology: Introduction to the Cell and Lab | 4 |
| | BIOL 3000 | Biostatistics | 3 |
| | BIOL 3020 | Cell Biology | 3 |
| | BIOL 3700 | General Ecology | 3 |
| | BIOL 3830 | Genetics | 3 |
| | BIOL 4250 | Evolution | 3 |
| | Electives | Complete 9 hours of Upper Division (3000+ level) BIOL Electives. | 9 |
| Education Courses (45 hours) <p>A grade of "B-" or better must be earned in all Professional Year courses.</p> <p>EDUC 3800 is recommended, but not required, and, if taken, will increase the total hours for the degree.</p> | EDUC 2000 | Introduction to Educational Psychology | 3 |
| | EDUC 2700 | Schools, Society, and Diversity | 3 |
| | EDUC 3800 | English as a Second Language for Education | (3) |
| | EDUC 3900 | Early School Diversity Practicum – Complete two occurrences | 1/1 |
| | EDUC 3992 | Introduction to Professional Year - Elementary | 1 |
| | SPED 3001 or EDUC 1000 | Introduction to Special Education or Introduction to Inclusive Education | 3 |
| | 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 | | |
| | EDUC 4100 (Sum) | Elementary Curriculum, Instruction, & Classroom Management | 3 |
| | IECE 4010 (Sum) | Literacy Development, Instruction, and Interventions K-Grade 3 | 3 |
| | IELM 4015 (Fall) | Teaching Reading & Writing Grades 2-6 | 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 (Spr) | Student Teaching | 12 |

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 1410 PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio | |
| Reasoning Skills (10 hours) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATH 1330 MATH 3010 MATH 3020 | |
| Area Requirements (29 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanities – 9 credit hours – complete HUM 3990, ENGL 1500, HIST 1510 or 1520 Social Sciences – 10 credit hours – complete GES 1980 or 1990, PSC 1100, and one from ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050 Natural Sciences – 10 credit hours – complete CHEM 1401, CHEM 1402, PES 1010, PES 1150 <p>NOTE: Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.</p> | |
| Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements | One course from each list (see degree audit). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</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 outside major and area requirements Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree | Component | Course |
| | Gateway | GPS 1010 |
| | Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures | See Degree Audit |
| | Explore – Society, Behavior and Health | EDUC 2700 (included in Education requirements) |
| | Explore – Physical and Natural World | MATH 3010 (Included in Reasoning Skills requirement) |
| | Navigate | HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) |
| | Summit | IELM 4950 (included in Education requirements) |
| | Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) IELM 4950 (included in Education requirements) |
| | Inclusiveness | GES 1980 or GES 1990 |
| | Sustainability | BIOL 3700 |

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 |
| | | BIOL 1300/1310 | 4 | | BIOL 1350/1360 | 4 |
| | | CHEM 1401/1402 | 5 | | MATH 1330 | 4 |
| | | GPS 1010 | 3 | | Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course | 3 |
| | | | | | HIST 1510 or HIST 1520 | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | 15 | | TOTAL | 17 |

| Year Two | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|----------|---|---------------|-------|---|-----------------------------------|-------|
| | | BIOL 3000 | 3 | | BIOL 3830 | 3 |
| | | EDUC 2000 | 3 | | Upper-Division (UD) BIOL Elective | 3 |
| | | PES 1010/1150 | 5 | | EDUC 2700 | 3 |
| | | ENGL 1500 | 3 | | GES 1980 or GES 1990 | 4 |
| | | | | | PSC 1100 | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | 14 | | TOTAL | 16 |

| Year Three | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|------------|---|------------------|-------|---|---|-------|
| | | BIOL 3020 | 3 | | BIOL 3700 | 3 |
| | | BIOL 4250 | 3 | | UD BIOL Elective | 3 |
| | | UD BIOL Elective | 3 | | SPED 3001 or EDUC 1000 | 3 |
| | | MATH 3010 | 3 | | MATH 3020 | 3 |
| | | EDUC 3900 | 1 | | EDUC 3900 | 1 |
| | | HUM 3990 | 3 | | EDUC 3992 | 1 |
| | | | | | ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050 | 3 |
| | | | | | EDUC 4100 & IECE 4040 (Taken During Summer) | 6 |
| | | TOTAL | 16 | | TOTAL | 17/6 |

| Year Four | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|-----------|---|--------------|-------|---|--------------|-------|
| | | IELM 4015 | 3 | | IELM 4950 | 12 |
| | | IELM 4025 | 3 | | | |
| | | IELM 4035 | 3 | | | |
| | | IELM 4045 | 3 | | | |
| | | IELM 4900 | 3 | | | |
| | | TOTAL | 15 | | TOTAL | 12 |