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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: 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 Communication: [Department of Communication](https://www.uccs.edu/department-of-communication) | [Department of Communication \(uccs.edu\)](https://www.uccs.edu/department-of-communication)

Major Requirements			
Communication Major Professional Communication Track (Online) (39 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 39 credit hours of COMM course work. • Requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) COMM course work. • Must maintain a minimum 2.0 major GPA (all COMM courses) to graduate. • All COMM courses require a "C" or better. <p>NOTE: Students are encouraged to complete an internship during their program of study.</p>	COMM 1050	Introduction to Professional Communication	3
	COMM 2030	Introduction to Communication Theory	3
	COMM 3510	Research Methods	3
	COMM 3190	Professional Public Speaking: An Online Course	3
	COMM 3240	Business and Professional Communication	3
	COMM 4550	Professional Communication Capstone	3
	Foundation Course: Organizational Comm	COMM 2240 – Principles of Organizational and Strategic Communication OR COMM 3150 – Team Communication	3
	Foundation Course: Leadership Comm	COMM 3440 – Organizational Leadership OR COMM 3770 – Ethical Leadership	3
	Foundation Course: Strategic Comm	COMM 2900 – Writing for the Media OR COMM 3350 – Integrated Marketing	3
	COMM Electives	Complete 4 additional UNUSED courses from the following list to fulfill total and upper-division hour requirements for the major. COMM 1020, 2900, 3200, 3250, 3280, 3330, 3350, 3400, 3440, 3480, 3650, 3770, 4050, 4090, 4160, 4201, 4230, 4600, 4690, 4950	12
	Senior ePortfolio	Complete the COMM Senior ePortfolio.	0

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 PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio 	
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
Area Requirements (27 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 of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course. <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 (12 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	See Degree Audit
	Explore – Physical and Natural World	See Degree Audit
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
	Summit	COMM 4550 (included in major 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) See Degree Audit
	Inclusiveness	See Degree Audit
	Sustainability	See Degree Audit
General Electives (33 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
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course (<i>INDS 1050</i>)	3
		COMM 1050	3		COMM Elective	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior and Health Course	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		COMM 2030	3		COMM 3510	3
		COMM Foundation Course - Organizational Comm	3		COMM Foundation Course - Leadership Comm	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Natural Science Elective (w/Lab)	4
		Social Science Elective (<i>Global Awareness</i>)	3		Humanities Elective	3
		Humanities Elective (<i>Writing Intensive</i>)	3		General Elective (<i>Oral Communication</i>)	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		COMM 3190	3		COMM 3240	3
		COMM Foundation Course - Strategic Comm	3		UD COMM Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		General Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		Upper Division (UD) General Elective	3		UD General Elective (<i>Cultural Diversity</i>)	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		COMM 4550	3		UD COMM Elective	3
		UD COMM Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
		HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3		UD General Elective	3
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15