

# GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES B.A.

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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](http://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 & Environmental Studies Major (41 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requires a minimum of 41 credit hours of GES course work.</li><li>• Requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) GES course work.</li><li>• All GES courses must have a grade of "C-" or better.</li></ul>	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	Complete one of the following: GES 2050, 3030, or 3060	4
	Geography Summit	Complete one of the following: GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660	1-4
	Electives	Complete a minimum of 17 additional hours of GES coursework to meet total and upper-division (3000+ level) credit hour requirements for the major.	17-20
	Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.	0

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## General Education and Elective Requirements

<b>Core Writing Requirement</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (<i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i>)</li> <li>ENGL 1410</li> <li>PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio</li> </ul>	
<b>Reasoning Skills</b> (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.	
<b>Area Requirements</b> (27 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990.</li> <li>Social Sciences – 9 credit hours</li> <li>Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.</p>	
<b>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</b>	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>	
<b>LAS Language other than English Requirement</b>	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>	
<b>Compass Curriculum</b> (12 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements</li> <li>Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree</li> </ul>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Course</b>
	<b>Gateway</b>	GPS 1010
	<b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Navigate</b>	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
	<b>Summit</b>	GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660 (included in major requirements)
	<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b> <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</li> <li>See Degree Audit</li> </ul>
	<b>Inclusiveness</b>	GES 1980
	<b>Sustainability</b>	GES 1000
<b>General Electives</b> (31 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
		GES 1980	4		GES 1000	4
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		General Elective	3		General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		GES 1990	4		GES 1010	4
		GES Elective	3		GES Directed Elective	4
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Natural Science Elective w/Lab	4
		Humanities Elective	3		General Elective ( <i>Oral Communication</i> )	3
		Social Science Elective	3			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
		UD GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		Humanities Elective ( <i>Writing Intensive</i> )	3		Social Science Elective	3
					UD General Elective ( <i>Cultural Diversity</i> )	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		GES Summit Course	1		UD General Elective	3
		UD GES Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	4
		UD Social Science Elective	4		UD General Elective	4
		UD General Elective	4			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15