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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements

1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.5 CU cumulative GPA
4. 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:

1. All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
2. 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 \(uccs.edu\)](https://www.uccs.edu/department/geography-and-environmental-studies)

Major Requirements			
Geography and Environmental Studies Major (34 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Geography major requires a minimum of 34 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. 	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 3030 or 3060	4
	Upper-Division Electives	Complete an additional 14 hours of GES upper-division (3000+ level) coursework to meet total hour requirements for the major.	14
	Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.	0
Education Courses (45 hours) A grade of "B-" or better must be earned in all Professional Year courses. EDUC 3800 is recommended but not required, and if taken will increase the total hours for the degree.	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)	1. ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (<i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i>) 2. ENGL 1410 3. PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio	
Reasoning Skills (6 hours)	1. MATH 3010 2. MATH 3020	
Area Requirements (27 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements	1. Humanities – 9 credit hours to include the following: HUM 3990, ENGL 1500, HIST 1510 or 1520 2. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours to include the following: PSC 1100, and one from ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050 3. Natural Sciences – Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course. NOTE: Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.	
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 requirementsWriting 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>	1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. IELM 4950 (included in Education requirements)
	Inclusiveness	GES 1980
Sustainability	GES 1000	

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
		GPS 1010	3		ENGL 1410	3
		ENGL 1310	3		GES 1010	4
		GES 1000	4		GES 1980	4
		ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		Natural Science Elective w/ lab	4			
		TOTAL	17		TOTAL	14

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		GES 1990	4		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	3
		UD GES Directed Elective	4		EDUC 2700	3
		HIST 1510 or 1520	3		ENGL 1500	3
		Social Science Elective	3		PSC 1100	3
					Natural Science Elective	5
		TOTAL	14		TOTAL	17

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		UD GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
		EDUC 2000	3		UD GES Elective	4
		EDUC 3900	1		EDUC 3900	1
		HUM 3990	3		EDUC 3992	1
		MATH 3010	3		MATH 3020	3
		SPED 3001 or EDUC 1000	3		EDUC 4100 (Taken During Summer)	3
		TOTAL	17		IECE 4010 (Taken During Summer)	3
					TOTAL	12/6

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