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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements

1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.0 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: [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	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Environmental Systems: Climate and Vegetation	4	
	GES 1010	Environmental Systems: Landforms and Soils	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 3410 - Paleontology or GEOL 4310 - Sed/Stratigraphy or GEOL 4660 - Field Study	4	
	GES Directed Elective	<i>Complete one of the following courses:</i> GES 3030, 3060	4	
	GES Upper-Division Electives	<i>Complete two of the following courses:</i> 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	
CHEM 1401/1402	General Chemistry I and Lab I	5		
MATH 1040 or GES 4000	College Algebra or Quantitative Methods	4		
PES 1010/1150	Physics for Life Science and Lab	5		
UCCS Teach Courses (33 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A grade of "B-" or better must be earned in all Education courses. • Courses should be taken in the appropriate semester. See the four-year plan for details. 	UTED 1030	Inquiry Approaches/Lesson Plan Design for Secondary Math/Science Teaching	3	
	UTED 2010	Knowing and Learning in Mathematics and Science	3	
	UTED 3020	Classroom Interactions	3	
	UTED 4710	Project-Based Instruction	3	
	UTED 4720	Reading in the Content Area	3	
	UTED 4730	Apprentice Teaching UCCS Teach and Seminar	12	
	UTLS 3030	Perspectives on Science and Math	3	
	UTLS 3040	Science Research Methods	3	

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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Degree Audit <p>NOTE: taking both MATH 1040 and GES 4000 will fulfill Reasoning Skills Option 2</p>																				
Core Humanities (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course. 																				
Natural Sciences Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHEM 1402 (included in auxiliary requirements) 																				
Oral Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UTED 4730 (<i>Apprentice 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>																				
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General Electives (9 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
		GES 1980 or 1500	4		GES 1000	4
		BIOL 1300/1310	4		BIOL 1350/1360	4
		GPS 1010	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		UTED 1030	3			
		TOTAL	17		TOTAL	14

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			GES 1010	4		GES Directed Elective
		GEOL 1010 or 1020 or 1530	4		CHEM 1401/1402	5
		PES 1010/1150	5		UTED 3020	3
		UTED 2010	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 3410 or 4310 or 4660
		UTLS 3040 (<i>Fall Only</i>)	3		UTLS 3030 (<i>Spring Only</i>)	3
		HUM 3990	3		UTED 4710	3
		Reasoning Skills course	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		MATH 1040 or GES 4000	4		General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3
		TOTAL	17		TOTAL	16

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			UD GES Elective	4		UTED 4730
		UTED 4720	3			
		UD General Elective	3			
		General Elective	3			
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	12

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