

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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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](https://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 VAPA – Visual Art: [Visual Art | Visual & Performing Arts \(uccs.edu\)](https://www.uccs.edu/visual-art)

Major Requirements			
VAPA – Visual Art Major (60 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires a minimum of 42 credit hours of VA course work, 9 hours of AH coursework, and an additional 9 hours of VAPA department course work.</li> <li>• Requires a minimum of 33 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) VAPA course work.</li> <li>• All VAPA course work must have a grade of "C" or better.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTE:</b> All VAPA Visual Art majors must meet with the department's Program Director each semester for academic advising. Contact the Visual Art Program Director for details.</p>	VAPA 1000-level Core course	Complete any one 1000-level VAPA Core course. See Degree Audit for the complete list of courses. <b>Note:</b> VAPA 1100 highly recommended	3
	VAPA 3000-level Core courses	Complete any two 3000-level VAPA Core courses. See Degree Audit for the complete list of courses.	6
	VA 1010	2D Foundations	3
	VA 1020	3D Foundations	3
	VA 1030	Digital Foundations	3
	VA 1040	Drawing Foundations	3
	AH 1001	Global Visual Culture: 1300-Present	3
	VA 2000-level Electives	Complete 9 credit hours of VA 2000-level electives.	9
	VA Upper-Division Electives	Complete 15 credit hours of VA upper-division (3000+) electives.	15
	AH Upper-Division elective	Complete one upper-division (3000+) Art History elective	3
	AH 3860	Contemporary Art (must be taken with VA 3980)	3
	VA 3980	Seminar in Studio Problems (must be taken with AH 3860)	3
	VA 4980	Professional Seminar	3

## 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>	VA 4980 (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>AH 3860 (included in major requirements)</li> </ul>
	<b>Inclusiveness</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Sustainability</b>	See Degree Audit
<b>General Electives</b> (9-12 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
		VA 1010	3		VA 1020	3
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course ( <i>INDS 1050</i> )	3
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		Humanities Elective	3		VAPA 1000-Level Core Course	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		AH 1001	3		VA 2000-level Elective	3
		VA 1030	3		VA 2000-level Elective	3
		VA 1040	3		Natural Science Elective w/ Lab	4
		Social Science Elective ( <i>Global Awareness</i> )	3		Social Science Elective ( <i>Inclusiveness/Cultural Diversity</i> )	3
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		General Elective ( <i>Oral Communication</i> )	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		VA 2000-level Elective	3		AH 3860 ( <i>spring only, must be taken junior year</i> )	3
		Upper-Division (UD) VA Elective	3		VA 3980 ( <i>spring only, must be taken junior year</i> )	3
		UD VA Elective	3		UD VA Elective	3
		VAPA 3000-Level Core Course	3		VAPA 3000-Level Core Course	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	14

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
		UD VA Elective	3		VA 4980 ( <i>spring only, must be taken senior year</i> )	3
		UD AH Elective	3		UD VA Elective	3
		HUM 3990	3		Humanities Elective	3
		Social Science Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
		UD General Elective ( <i>Sustainability</i> )	3		UD General Elective	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15