

# GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES B.A.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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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](http://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.

## MAJOR INFORMATION

Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore both the physical properties of Earth's surface and the human societies spread across it. They also examine how human culture interacts with the natural environment, and the way that locations and places can have an impact on people. Geography seeks to understand where things are found, why they are there, and how they develop and change over time.

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	3-4
	Geography Summit	Complete one of the following: GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660	1-4
	Electives	Complete an additional 18 hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES courses to meet total major hour requirements.	18
	Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.	0

<b>General Education and Elective Requirements</b>		
<b>Composition</b> (6 hours)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ENGL 1310</li> <li>2. ENGL 1410</li> <li>3. PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio</li> </ol>	
<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> <li>• Courses may not be taken pass/fail</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM3990.</li> <li>2. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours</li> <li>3. Natural Sciences – 9 credits hours, of which at least 1 credit must be from a lab course</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><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>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, 4900, 4970, or 4990 (included in major requirements)
	<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b> <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</li> <li>2. See Degree Audit</li> </ol>
<b>Inclusiveness</b>	GES 1980	
<b>Sustainability</b>	GES 1000	
<b>General Electives</b> (28-31 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.**

		<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>		
			<i>Hours</i>			<i>Hours</i>	
<b>Year One</b>	✓	ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3	
		GES 1980	4		GES 1000	4	
		GPS 1010	3		INDS 1050	3	
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3	
		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		General Elective	2	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	

		<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>		
			<i>Hours</i>			<i>Hours</i>	
<b>Year Two</b>	✓	GES 1990	4		GES 1010	4	
		Natural Science Elective w/lab	4		Humanities Elective	3	
		Social Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3	
		General Elective	3		Oral Communication	3	
					General Elective	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>		

		<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>		
			<i>Hours</i>			<i>Hours</i>	
<b>Year Three</b>	✓	GES Directed Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3	
		UD GES Elective	3		UD GES Elective	3	
		Natural Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3	
		Humanities Elective	3		UD General Elective	3	
		UD General Elective	1		UD General Elective	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		

		<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>		
			<i>Hours</i>			<i>Hours</i>	
<b>Year Four</b>	✓	GES Summit Course	3		UD GES Elective	3	
		UD GES Elective	3		UD GES Elective	3	
		HUM 3990	3		Natural Science Elective	2	
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	4	
		UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		