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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
- 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)

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<td>Requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 level) GES course work.</td>
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## General Education and Elective Requirements

| Core Writing Requirement (6 hours) | • ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.)  
• ENGL 1410  
• PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio |
| Reasoning Skills (3 hours) | See the degree audit for course options. |
| Area Requirements (27 hours) | • Humanities – 9 credit hours of which 3 credits must be HUM 3990.  
• Social Sciences – 9 credit hours  
• 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). All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements. |
| Compass Curriculum (12 hours) | **Gateway**  
• Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements  
• Writing 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 | See Degree Audit  
Explore – Physical and Natural World | See Degree Audit  
Navigate | HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)  
Summit | GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660 (included in major requirements)  
Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) | Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)  
• HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)  
• See Degree Audit  
Inclusiveness | GES 1980  
Sustainability | GES 1000  

| Component | Course |
| General Electives (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 (INDS 1050) | 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 |
| **TOTAL** | **16** | **TOTAL** | **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 (Oral Communication) | 3 |
| Social Science Elective | 3 | | |
| **TOTAL** | **16** | **TOTAL** | **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 (Writing Intensive) | 3 | Social Science Elective | 3 |
| | | UD General Elective (Cultural Diversity) | 3 |
| **TOTAL** | **14** | **TOTAL** | **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 | | |
| **TOTAL** | **15** | **TOTAL** | **15** |

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