

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES B.A.

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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 \(uccs.edu\)](http://www.uccs.edu/geography)

Major Requirements			
Geography & Environmental Studies Major (41 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires a minimum of 41 credit hours of GES course work. • Requires a minimum of 18 credit hours of upper-division (3000-4999 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	<i>Complete one of the following:</i> GES 2050, 3030, or 3060	4
	Geography Summit	<i>Complete one of the following:</i> GES 4460, 4660, 4900, 4970, 4990, or GEOL 4660	1-4
	Electives	<i>Complete a minimum of 17 additional hours of GES coursework to meet total and upper-division (3000+ level) credit hour requirements for the major.</i>	17-20
	Senior Exit Exam	<i>Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.</i>	0

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)	See the degree audit for course options.	
Area Requirements (27 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p style="text-align: center;">NOTE: Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.</p>	
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>	
Compass Curriculum (12 hours)	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) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) See Degree Audit
Inclusiveness	GES 1980	
Sustainability	GES 1000	
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.**

	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
	Year One		ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410
		GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course (<i>INDS 1050</i>)	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

	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
	Year Two		GES 1990	4		GES 1010
		GES Elective	3		GES Directed Elective	4
		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		Natural Science Elective w/Lab	4
		Humanities Elective	3		General Elective (<i>Oral Communication</i>)	3
		Social Science Elective	3			
		TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
	Year Three		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective
		UD GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
		Natural Science Elective	3		Natural Science Elective	2
		Humanities Elective (<i>Writing Intensive</i>)	3		Social Science Elective	3
					UD General Elective (<i>Cultural Diversity</i>)	3
		TOTAL	14		TOTAL	14

	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
	Year Four		GES Summit Course	1		UD General Elective
		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