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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.

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 and Environmental Studies Major (34 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Geography major requires a minimum of 34 credit hours of GES course work and a minimum of 14 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ 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: GES 3030 or GES 3060</i>	4	
	Upper-Division Electives	<i>Complete an additional 14 hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES courses to meet total major hour requirements.</i>	14	
	Senior Exit Exam	<i>Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.</i>	0	
<p>Education Courses (44 hours)</p> <p>EDUC 3800 is recommended but not required, and if taken will increase the total hours for the degree.</p>	EDUC 2000	Introduction to Educational Psychology	3	
	EDUC 2700	Schools, Society, and Diversity	3	
	EDUC 3800	English as a Second Language for Education	(3)	
	EDUC 3900	Early School Diversity Practicum – <i>Complete two occurrences</i>	1/1	
	SPED 3001	Introduction to Special Education	3	
	Professional Year Courses - All other course work must be completed before starting the Professional Year. All Professional Year courses should be taken in the specific semester listed			
	EDUC 4100 (Sum)	Elementary Curriculum, Instruction, & Classroom Management	3	
	IECE 4010 (Sum)	Early Language and Literacy II (Ages 5-8)	3	
	IELM 4015 (Fall)	Teaching Reading & Writing Grades 2-6	3	
	IELM 4025 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Mathematics	3	
	IELM 4035 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Science	3	
	IELM 4045 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Social Studies	3	
	IELM 4900 (Fall)	Field Placement III	3	
	IELM 4950 (Spr)	Student Teaching	12	

General Education and Elective Requirements

Composition (6 hours)	1. ENGL 1310 2. ENGL 1410 3. PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio	
Reasoning Skills (6 hours)	1. MATH 3010 2. MATH 3020	
Area Requirements (27 hours) • Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements • Courses may not be taken pass/fail	1. Humanities – 9 credit hours to include the following: HUM3990, ENGL 1500, HIST 1510 or 1520 2. Social Sciences – 9 credit hours to include the following: PSC 1100, and one from ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050 3. Natural Sciences – 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). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</i>	
Compass Curriculum (9 hours) • 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	Waived
	Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
	Summit	IELM 4630 (included in Education requirements)
	Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. IELM 4630 (included in Education requirements)
Inclusiveness	GES 1980	
Sustainability	GES 1000	

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	<i>Hours</i>	✓	SPRING	<i>Hours</i>
		GPS 1010	3		ENGL 1410	3
		ENGL 1310	3		GES 1010	4
		GES 1000	4		GES 1980	4
		ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
		Natural Science Elective w/ lab	4		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		TOTAL	17		TOTAL	17

Year Two	✓	FALL	<i>Hours</i>	✓	SPRING	<i>Hours</i>
		GES 1990	4		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	3
		UD GES Directed Elective	4		EDUC 2700	3
		HIST 1510 or 1520	3		ENGL 1500	3
		Social Science Elective	3		PSC 1100	3
					Natural Science Elective	5
		TOTAL	14		TOTAL	17

Year Three	✓	FALL	<i>Hours</i>	✓	SPRING	<i>Hours</i>
		UD GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
		EDUC 2000	3		UD GES Elective	4
		EDUC 3900	1		EDUC 3900	1
		HUM 3990	3		MATH 3020	3
		MATH 3010	3		SPED 3001	3
					EDUC 4100 (Taken During Summer)	3
					IECE 4010 (Taken During Summer)	3
		TOTAL	14		TOTAL	14/6

Year Four	✓	FALL	<i>Hours</i>	✓	SPRING	<i>Hours</i>
		IELM 4015	3		IELM 4950	12
		IELM 4025	3			
		IELM 4035	3			
		IELM 4045	3			
		IELM 4900	3			
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	12