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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.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore Geography and Environmental Studies: [Home](#) | [Department of Geography & Environmental Studies \(uccs.edu\)](http://Department of Geography & Environmental Studies (uccs.edu))

| 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 18 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:</i> GES 3030 or 3060 | 4 | |
| | Upper-Division Electives | <i>Complete an additional 14 hours of GES upper-division (3000+ level) coursework to meet total hour requirements for the major.</i> | 14 | |
| | Senior Exit Exam | <i>Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.</i> | 0 | |
| <p>Education Courses (45 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 | |
| | EDUC 3992 | Introduction to Professional Year - Elementary | 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

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| Core Writing Requirement (6 hours) | 1. ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 (<i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i>) 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: HUM 3990, 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 (6 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 | EDUC 2700 (included in Education requirements) |
| | Explore – Physical and Natural World | Waived |
| | Navigate | HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) |
| | Summit | IELM 4950 (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 4950 (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 | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|----------|---|---------------------------------|----------|---|--|-----------|
| | | | GPS 1010 | 3 | | ENGL 1410 |
| | | 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 | | | |
| | | TOTAL | 17 | | TOTAL | 14 |

| Year Two | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|----------|---|--------------------------|----------|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | GES 1990 | 4 | | Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective |
| | | 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 | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|------------|---|--------------|-----------------|---|--|-----------------|
| | | | UD GES Elective | 4 | | UD GES Elective |
| | | EDUC 2000 | 3 | | UD GES Elective | 4 |
| | | EDUC 3900 | 1 | | EDUC 3900 | 1 |
| | | HUM 3990 | 3 | | EDUC 3992 | 1 |
| | | MATH 3010 | 3 | | MATH 3020 | 3 |
| | | SPED 3001 | 3 | | EDUC 4100 (Taken During Summer) | 3 |
| | | | | | IECE 4010 (Taken During Summer) | 3 |
| | | TOTAL | 17 | | TOTAL | 12/6 |

| Year Four | ✓ | FALL | Hours | ✓ | SPRING | Hours |
|-----------|---|--------------|-----------|---|--------------|-----------|
| | | | IELM 4015 | 3 | | IELM 4950 |
| | | IELM 4025 | 3 | | | |
| | | IELM 4035 | 3 | | | |
| | | IELM 4045 | 3 | | | |
| | | IELM 4900 | 3 | | | |
| | | TOTAL | 15 | | TOTAL | 12 |