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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://www.uccs.edu/department-of-geography-and-environmental-studies)

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)	Literacy Development, Instruction, and Interventions K-Grade 3	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

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) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirementsCourses 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirementsWriting Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Gateway</td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</td> <td>EDUC 2700 (included in Education requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Explore – Physical and Natural World</td> <td>Waived</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Navigate</td> <td>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Summit</td> <td>IELM 4950 (included in Education requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td>1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. IELM 4950 (included in Education requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inclusiveness</td> <td>GES 1980</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>GES 1000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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
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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