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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. • 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	Complete one of the following: GES 3030 or GES 3060	4
	Upper-Division Electives	Complete an additional 14 hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES courses to meet total major hour requirements.	14
	Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.	0
<p>Education Courses (43 hours)</p> <p>Students begin Special Education courses in the fall semester of their junior year.</p> <p>A grade of "B-" or better must be earned in all Education courses.</p>	First Year Courses – Take the courses listed below during the junior year in the specified semester. NOTE: SPED 3000 and 3001 can be taken in the summer prior to the junior year.		
	EDUC 2100 (Fall)	Introduction to Technology in Education	3
	SPED 3000 (Fall)	Dis/Ability Studies in Education	3
	SPED 3001 (Fall)	Introduction to Special Education	3
	SPED 4020 (Spr)	Significant Support Needs	3
	SPED 4030 (Spr)	Elementary/Secondary Internship	3
	TED 4570 (Spr)	Elementary Literacy Methods	4
	SPED 4021 (Sum)	Designing Positive Classroom Environments	3
	SPED 4025 (Sum)	Fieldwork in Inclusive Classrooms	3
	Second Year Courses - Take the courses listed below during the senior year in the specified semester.		
	IELM 4025 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Mathematics	3
	SPED 3004 (Fall)	Self-Determination and Transition	3
	SPED 4010 (Fall)	Multisensory Structured Language Education	3
	SPED 4022 (Spr)	Consultation and Collaboration	3
	SPED 4031 (Spr)	Elementary/Secondary Student Teaching and Seminar	6

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	SPED 4031 (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. See Degree Audit
Inclusiveness	GES 1980 or 1990	
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	<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
		Natural Science Elective w/ lab	4		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3
					Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
		TOTAL	14		TOTAL	17

Year Two	✓	FALL	<i>Hours</i>	✓	SPRING	<i>Hours</i>
		GES 1990	4		Upper-Division (UD) GES Elective	4
		UD GES Directed Elective	4		ENGL 1500	3
		ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3		PSC 1100	3
		HIST 1510 or 1520	3		Natural Science Elective	5
		Social Science Elective	3			
		TOTAL	17		TOTAL	15

Year Three	✓	FALL	<i>Hours</i>	✓	SPRING	<i>Hours</i>
		UD GES Elective	3			
		MATH 3010	3		MATH 3020	3
		EDUC 2100	3		SPED 4020	3
		SPED 3000	3		SPED 4030	3
		SPED 3001	3		TED 4570	4
				SPED 4021/4025 (Taken during summer)	6	
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	13/6

Year Four	✓	FALL	<i>Hours</i>	✓	SPRING	<i>Hours</i>
		UD GES Elective	3		UD GES Elective	4
		HUM 3990	3		SPED 4022	3
		IELM 4025	3		SPED 4031	6
		SPED 3004	3			
		SPED 4010	3			
		TOTAL	15		TOTAL	13