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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](http://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**

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<b>Major Requirements</b>				
<b>Geography and Environmental Studies Major (34 hours)</b>	<b>Course/Area</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• GES courses must have a grade of “C-” or better.</li> </ul>	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 3060</i>	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	
<b>Education Courses (42 hours)</b>	<b>First Year Courses –</b> 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.			
<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>	IELM 4005 (Fall)	Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3	
	SPED 3000 (Fall)	Dis/Ability Studies in Education	3	
	SPED 3001 (Fall)	Introduction to Special Education	3	
	EDUC 2100 (Spring)	Introduction to Technology in Education	3	
	IELM 3250 (Spring)	Teaching Students with Complex Support Needs	3	
	IELM 4015 (Spring)	Teaching Reading & Writing Grades 2-6	3	
	SPED 4010 (Sum)	Multisensory Structured Language Education	3	
	SPED 4025 (Sum)	Fieldwork in Inclusive Classrooms	3	
	<b>Second Year Courses -</b> Take the courses listed below during the senior year in the specified semester.			
	IELM 3200 (Fall)	Designing Transitions and Inclusive Futures	3	
IELM 4025 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Mathematics	3		
SPED 4030(Fall)	Elementary/Secondary Internship	3		
IELM 3300 (Spring)	Collaboration and Co-Teaching	3		
SPED 4031 (Spring)	Elementary/Secondary Student Teaching and Seminar	6		

**General Education and Elective Requirements**

<b>Core Writing Requirement</b> (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	
<b>Reasoning Skills</b> (6 hours)	1. MATH 3010 2. MATH 3020	
<b>Area Requirements</b> (27 hours)	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  <b>NOTE:</b> Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.	
<b>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</b>	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>	
<b>Compass Curriculum</b> (9 hours)	<b>Component</b>	<b>Course</b>
	<b>Gateway</b>	GPS 1010
	<b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b>	See Degree Audit
	<b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b>	Waived
	<b>Navigate</b>	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
	<b>Summit</b>	SPED 4031 (included in Education requirements)
	<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b> <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. See Degree Audit
<b>Inclusiveness</b>	GES 1980 or 1990	
<b>Sustainability</b>	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.**

<b>Year One</b>	✓	<b>FALL</b>	<i>Hours</i>	✓	<b>SPRING</b>	<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
		<b>TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	17

<b>Year Two</b>	✓	<b>FALL</b>	<i>Hours</i>	✓	<b>SPRING</b>	<i>Hours</i>
		GES 1990	4		UD GES Directed Elective	4
		Upper-Division (UD) GES 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			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	17		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

<b>Year Three</b>	✓	<b>FALL</b>	<i>Hours</i>	✓	<b>SPRING</b>	<i>Hours</i>
		UD GES Elective	3		UD GES Elective	3
		MATH 3010	3		MATH 3020	3
		IELM 4005	3		EDUC 2100	3
		SPED 3000	3		IELM 3250	3
		SPED 3001	3		IELM 4015	3
				SPED 4010/4025 ( <b>Taken during summer</b> )	6	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15/6

<b>Year Four</b>	✓	<b>FALL</b>	<i>Hours</i>	✓	<b>SPRING</b>	<i>Hours</i>
		UD GES Elective	4		HUM 3990	3
		IELM 3200	3		IELM 3300	3
		IELM 4025	3		SPED 4031	6
		SPED 4030	3			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	13		<b>TOTAL</b>	12