



**CU-Colorado Springs
College of Letters, Arts and Sciences**

History, Special Education Option

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- This program includes both LAS requirements for graduation plus Colorado requirements for Special Education teachers.
- Along with courses listed below, Elementary teachers should complete T Ed 300 & 301, and Special Education teachers should complete SPED 3001 & 3002, by the end of their freshman year.
- Students apply to the College of Education as rising juniors; if accepted, they continue with the courses below plus education courses. If not accepted, students may continue the bachelor's degree in the major without the education option.

History Major, Elementary Teaching / Special Education Option **Credits**

Students must take 18 hours of upper-division History courses.

Two courses from:	6
HIST 151 US: Birth of a Nation	
HIST 152 US: Expansion & Division 1789-1877	
HIST 153 US: Emergence of Modern America	
HIST 154 History of US: 1918 – Present	
Two courses from:	6
HIST 101 The Ancient World	
HIST 102 Medieval World	
HIST 103 Early Modern Europe 1500 – 1815	
HIST 104 Modern Europe 1815 - Present	
Upper-division course in Asian or Latin American history	3
Upper-division history electives	12
HIST 499 Senior Thesis Seminar: Approaches to the Study of History	3

General Education Requirements**

**Students are required as part of their general education requirements to complete courses in Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness. These courses are identified in the LAS section of the schedule of courses and in the bulletin.

Humanities Area Requirement	
Core Humanities (HUM prefix, numbered 300 and above)	3
ENGL 150 Introduction to Literature (prereq ENGL 131 or equivalent)	3
One of the following:	3
PHIL 100 Intro to Philosophy	
PHIL 102 Ethics	
PHIL 112 Critical Thinking	
General Humanities course from approved LAS list (no history)	3
Natural Science Area Requirement	
BIOL 100 and 106 Biology in the Modern World & Lab	4
Remaining hours from:	8
BIOL 105 Personal Nutrition	
CHEM 100 Chemistry in the Modern World	
One course from: ENSC 150 Intro to Energy Sci; ENSC 151 Intro to Energy Sci II	
One course from: GEOL 153 Geol Devel of Colo and the West; GEOL 317 Geology of National Parks	
One course from: GES 100 Envir Systems: Climate, Veg & Soils; GES 101 Envir Systems: Landforms; GES 105 Intro to Map & Compass; GES 320 Practical Meteorology	
One option from: PES 100 and 114 Physics in Everyday Life and Lab; PES 105 and 109 Astronomy I and Lab; PES 106 and 110 Astronomy II and Lab	
Social Science Area Requirement	
ECON 100 Economics of Social Issues or ECON 101 Introduction to Microeconomics	3
GES 198 World Regional Geography or GES 199 Intro to Human Geography	3
P SC 110 American Political System or P SC 210 Politics State/Local	3
PSY 100 General Psychology	4
Composition Requirement	
ENGL 131 Rhetoric and Writing I	3
ENGL 141 Rhetoric and Writing II	3
Reasoning Skills Requirement	
MATH 301 Math for Elementary Teachers I	3
MATH 302 Math for Elementary Teachers II	3
<u>Elementary Teaching or Special Education</u> (See Education Advisor for specific courses)	39-40
TOTAL CREDITS	120

Special Education at UCCS

**“Pre-Education” is a direction, not a major.
If you intend to teach elementary school (K-6) or special education (K-12),
this important information applies to you.**

1. Begin by taking general education classes your freshman and sophomore years. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above is required in all general education, major, and elective courses with the following exceptions: A grade of “C” or better is required for MATH 301 and 302. A grade of “B-“ or above is required in all education courses and in ENGL 131.
2. Meanwhile, select your major from:
 - Biology
 - English
 - Geography & Environmental Studies
 - History
 - Spanish
3. Declare your major with either an elementary or special education emphasis in the Student Success Center, Main Hall, 2nd Floor. If you would like to discuss major options or decide to change to secondary education (7-12), please see an advisor at the same location.
4. Attend a group advising session, presented by the College of Education, to discuss admission criteria and deadlines for the various teaching programs. Call (719) 262-4996 for dates and times.
5. When you graduate, you will have a bachelor's degree with one of the majors listed above, plus provisional licensure.

Special Education: Students interested in becoming special education teachers should complete SPED 3001, Introduction to Special Education, and SPED 3002, after completing at least 12 credit hours. You may apply to the **Special Education Licensure Program** after you have completed 30 hours of coursework. If you are accepted, you will take courses from your major and the general education requirements alongside of your teaching courses.

If you select (or already have substantial work toward) a major not listed above, you may finish your bachelor's degree and then apply to the post-baccalaureate track of the teaching licensure program. However, this will require a year of study beyond the bachelor's degree. In addition, you may be required to take extra undergraduate courses to meet Colorado's content standards.