

## College of Letters, Arts and Sciences – Geography – Special Education Option

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### Student Success Center Advising Hours:

Monday: 9am-5pm Walk-in Advising  
Tuesday–Friday: 9am-4pm Appointments Only  
*To schedule an appointment, call 719-255-3260.*

### General Academic Information

#### Academic Policies

It is the responsibility of each student to know and follow all Academic policies established by the University and the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences (LAS) that are set forth in the Catalog ([catalog.uccs.edu](http://catalog.uccs.edu)).

#### Course Prerequisites

Students are responsible for knowing and completing all course prerequisites. Course prerequisites are strictly enforced for all classes at UCCS.

#### Email Accounts

All students are assigned an official UCCS email address. Email is the official means of communication for UCCS, so it is imperative that students check their email accounts regularly.

#### Advising

LAS students in good standing are not required to see their academic advisor before registering for courses in any semester, but it is recommended. Academic advising assists students in selecting their classes so that they can progress effectively through their degree program.

#### Restrictions and Limitations

Students may apply a maximum of 30 credit hours towards the bachelor's degree from course work taken outside the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences. Students may apply a maximum of 8 credit hours of independent study towards the major area of study and a maximum of 16 credit hours towards the bachelor's degree. Students may apply a maximum of 21 credit hours of Military

Science/ROTC towards general electives and towards the bachelor's degree.

#### Probation/Suspension

To remain in good academic standing within the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, students must maintain a cumulative CU GPA of 2.0, or better. Students whose cumulative CU GPA falls below a 2.0 will be placed on probation for the next semester in which they are enrolled. While on probation students must achieve a minimum semester GPA of a 2.25. If the required semester GPA is not met, the student will be suspended from the College of Letters, Arts & Sciences for a full academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). PLEASE NOTE: *While on probation, registration for the subsequent semester will be blocked until final grades are posted for the current semester. This is to verify that the minimum semester GPA for each student has been fulfilled.*

#### Course Load

A full-time course load is 12 credit hours in a semester. The maximum course load is 18 credit hours in a semester. If a student wishes to take more than 18 credit hours in a given semester, special permission must be obtained through the Student Success Center. Students who expect to work while enrolled in university courses should register for course loads that they can complete without unusual difficulty. Recommended course loads based on work hours is listed below.

Employed Hours	Enrolled Credit Hours
40 hours per week	6-9 credit hours
30 hours per week	8-11 credit hours
20 hours per week	10-13 credit hours



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Degree Requirements	Courses					
<p><b>Geography and Environmental Studies Major</b> (38 hours)</p> <p>The Geography major requires a minimum of 38 credit hours of GES course work and a minimum of 19 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES course work.</p> <p>All GES courses must have a grade of “C” or better.</p>	Course Number	Course Title				Credit Hours
	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
	GES 2050	Digital Earth				3
	Geography Upper Division Course	Complete one of the following: GES 3050, GES 4000, GES 4050, GES 4060, GES 4070, GES 4100				3-4
	Electives	Complete an additional 15-16 hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES courses to meet total major hour requirements.				15-16
Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.				0	
<p><b>Education Courses</b> (45 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> <p>NOTE: Each tier has additional non-course requirements. See the Education Advisor for more information.</p>	TED 4520 (can be taken prior to junior year)	CURR 5170 (fall of junior year)	SPED 3000 (fall of junior year)			
	SPED 3001 (fall of junior year)	SPED 4020 (spring of junior year)	SPED 4030 (spring of junior year)			
	TED 4570 (spring of junior year)	SPED 4021 (summer before senior year)	SPED 4025 (summer before senior year)			
	SPED 4004 (fall of senior year)	SPED 4010 (fall of senior year)	SPED 4013 (fall of senior year)			
	SPED 4022 (spring of senior year)	SPED 4031 (spring of senior year)				
<p><b>Composition</b> (6 hours)</p>	Complete ENGL 1310, 1410, and the Writing Portfolio.					
	ENGL 1310	Rhetoric & Writing I				3
	ENGL 1410	Rhetoric & Writing II				3
	PORT 3000	Writing Portfolio Assessment				0
<p><b>Reasoning Skills</b> (6 hours)</p>	Complete the courses listed below.					
	MATH 3010			MATH 3020		
<p><b>Area Requirements</b> (36 hours)</p> <p>All LAS students are required to complete 12 credit hours in each of three areas – humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The total requirement is 36 hours.</p> <p>Specific Limitations:</p>	<b>HUMANITIES</b> – Complete ENGL 1500, HIST 1510, HUM 3990, and one course from PHIL 1000, 1020, or 1120.					
	ENGL 1500	HIST 1510	HUM 3990	PHIL 1000	PHIL 1020	PHIL 1120
	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b> – Complete PSY 1000, PSC 1100 or 2100, one course from ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050 and one additional course from those listed below.					
	ANTH 1020	ANTH 1040	ANTH 2800	ANTH 3040	ANTH 3260	ANTH 3270
	COMM 1020	COMM 2150	COMM 3440	COMM 3650	COMM4200	COMM 4220
	COMM 4250	<b>ECON 1000</b>	<b>ECON 1010</b>	<b>ECON 1050</b>	ECON 2020	ECON 3150
	ECON 3710	GRNT 3000	PHIL 3200	PHIL 4260	PSC 1010	<b>PSC 1100</b>

<p>&gt; No more than two courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements.</p> <p>&gt; Courses in the primary major may not be applied to area requirements.</p> <p>&gt; Courses may not be taken pass/fail.</p>	PSC 2080	<b>PSC 2100</b>	PSC 3300	PSC 4190	PSC 4210	PSC 4470
	<b>PSY 1000</b>	SOC 1110	SOC 2120	SOC 2200	SOC 2220	SOC 2250
	SOC 2500	SOC 3610	SOC 4700	WEST2010	WEST 3000	WEST 3060
	WEST 3620	WEST 4100	WEST 4120	WEST 4700		
	<b>NATURAL SCIENCE</b> – Complete BIOL 1000, BIOL 1060 and 8 additional hours from the courses below.					
	<b>BIOL 1000/1060</b>		BIOL 1050		CHEM 1000	
	ENSC 1500 or 1510		GEOL 1530 or 3170		PES 1000/1140	
	PES 1050/1090		PES 1060/1100			
<p><b>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</b></p> <p>Students are required to take one course with a substantial component involving oral communication, one course that increases their awareness of cultural diversity, and one course that increases their awareness of global issues.</p>	<b>ORAL COMMUNICATION</b> – Complete TED 4600 which is part of the required education courses.					
	SPED 4010					
	<b>CULTURAL DIVERSITY</b> – Complete SPED 3001 which is part of the required education courses.					
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	<b>GLOBAL AWARENESS</b> – Complete GES 1980 or GES 1990 which are part of the major requirements.					
GES 1980	GES 1990					

### UCCS Bachelor of Science, Geography – Special Education Option Major Degree Requirements

- > A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- > No more than 54 hours of GES course work can count towards the degree.
- > The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.
- > Courses numbered below 1000 do not count towards degree completion.



## Four-Year Degree Plan – Geography – Special Education Option



The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Geography degree at UCCS. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

### Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
	GES 1000	4		GES 1010	4
	BIOL 1000/1060	4		GES 1980	4
	ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3		Social Science Elective	3
				PSC 1100 or PSC 2100	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	17

### Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	GES 1990	4		GES Elective	3
	GES 2050	3		PSY 1000	3
	ENGL 1500	3		Natural Science Elective	4
	HIST 1510	3		Upper-Division GES Course	4
	PHIL 1000, 1020, or 1120	3		TED 4520	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	17

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	Natural Science Elective	4		GES Elective	3
	MATH 3010	3		MATH 3020	3
	CURR 5170	3		SPED 4020	3
	SPED 3000	3		SPED 4030	3
	SPED 3001	3		TED 4570	4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	16		PORT 3000	0
	<b>*SUMMER: SPED 4021 and SPED 4025</b>	6		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

### Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	GES Elective	3		GES Electives	6
	HUM 3990	3		SPED 4022	3
	SPED 4004	3		SPED 4031	6
	SPED 4010	3			
	SPED 4013	2			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	15