

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

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### 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.

#### 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 24 credit hours of Organizational Leadership and Professional Development/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.*

#### 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.

#### Compass Curriculum

Compass Curriculum is the campus-wide general education program at UCCS. The Compass Curriculum has multiple components many of which will coincide with the degree requirements listed in this guide. Please visit the Compass Curriculum website at [www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum](http://www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum), review your degree audit, or check out the Compass Curriculum advising guide for specific course details. The required components are listed below and referenced in the guide.

#### REQUIRED COMPASS CURRICULUM COMPONENTS:

Component	Course
<b>Gateway</b>	GPS 1010
<b>Explore<sup>1</sup></b> – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	ENGL 1500
<b>Explore<sup>1</sup></b> – Society, Behavior and Health	See Degree Audit
<b>Explore<sup>1</sup></b> – Physical and Natural World	Waived
<b>Navigate<sup>2</sup></b>	HUM 3990
<b>Summit</b>	SPED 4031
<b>Writing Intensive Course (WIC)<sup>3</sup></b> <i>Two courses with at least one upper-division (3000+ level).</i>	HUM 3990 See Degree Audit
<b>Inclusiveness<sup>3</sup></b>	GES 1980 or 1990
<b>Sustainability<sup>3</sup></b>	GES 1000

<sup>1</sup> Explore must be outside major and area requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Navigate must be outside major requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Can count towards other requirements within the Compass Curriculum or within a student's degree program.



## DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY – SPECIAL EDUCATION OPTION

Department website: [www.uccs.edu/geography](http://www.uccs.edu/geography)

Degree Requirements	Courses					
<p><b>Geography and Environmental Studies Major</b> (35 hours)</p> <p>The Geography major requires a minimum of 35 credit hours of GES course work and a minimum of 18 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	
	Geography Directed Elective	<i>Complete one of the following: GES 3030 or GES 3060</i>			4	
	Electives	<i>Complete an additional 15 hours of GES courses to meet total major hour requirements (at least 15 hours must be upper-division 3000+ level).</i>			15	
Senior Exit Exam	<i>Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.</i>			0		
<p><b>Education Courses</b> (42 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>	<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.					
	CURR 4170 (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	
	<b>Second Year Courses</b> - Take the courses listed below during the senior year in the specified semester.					
	IELM 4025 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Math			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		
<p><b>Composition</b> (6 hours)</p>	<i>Complete ENGL 1310, 1410, and the Writing Portfolio.</i>					
	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> (33 hours)</p> <p>All LAS students are required to complete 9 credit hours in each of three areas - humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, as well as three Explore courses for 3 hours each, all for a total of 36 hours.</p> <p>Due to degree requirements, Geography Special Education students will</p>	<b>HUMANITIES</b> – Complete ENGL 1500, HIST 1510 or 1520, HUM 3990, and one course from PHIL 1000, 1020, or 1120.					
	ENGL 1500	HIST 1510	HIST 1520	HUM 3990	PHIL 1000	PHIL 1020
	PHIL 1120					
	<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b> – Complete PSY 1000, PSC 1100 or 2100, and one course from ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050. Complete an additional 3 credit hour course from the Explore – Society, Behavior & Health course list.					
	ECON 1000	ECON 1010	ECON 1050	PSC 1100	PSC 2100	PSY 1000

<p>complete only 33 hours.</p> <p>Specific Limitations: &gt; Courses may not be taken pass/fail.</p>	<b>NATURAL SCIENCE</b> – Complete BIOL 1000, BIOL 1060 and 5 additional hours from the courses below.			
	<b>BIOL 1000/1060</b>	BIOL 1050	CHEM 1101	GEOL 1530 or 3170
	ENSC 1500 or 1510	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 SPED 4010 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.			
	SPED 3001			
	<b>GLOBAL AWARENESS</b> – Complete GES 1980 or GES 1990 which are part of the major requirements.			
GES 1980	GES 1990			
<p><b>Compass Curriculum</b> (6 hours)</p>	<p>Complete all Compass Curriculum requirements not already completed as part of the above program. The Gateway Seminar (<b>GPS 1010</b>) must be completed by all students. Geography and Environmental Studies Special Education Option students also need to complete an Explore – Society, Behavior &amp; Health course. All other Compass Curriculum requirements can be completed within the degree requirements above. To see a list of all Compass Curriculum courses, please visit: <a href="http://www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum">www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum</a>.</p>			



## 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
	ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3		GES 1980	4
	GPS 1010	3		PSC 1100 or PSC 2100	3
	Natural Science Elective	1		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health course	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 Directed Elective	3		PSY 1000	3
	ENGL 1500	3		Natural Science Elective	4
	HIST 1510 or HIST 1520	3		GES Upper-Division Elective	4
	PHIL 1000, 1020, or 1120	3		.	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	14

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	BIOL 1000/1060	4		GES Elective	3
	MATH 3010	3		MATH 3020	3
	CURR 4170	3		SPED 4020	3
	SPED 3000	3		SPED 4030	3
	SPED 3001	3		TED 4570	4
				SPED 4021/4025 (Taken during summer)	6
	<b>TOTAL</b>	16		<b>TOTAL</b>	16/6

### Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	GES Elective	3		GES Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		SPED 4022	3
	IELM 4025	3		SPED 4031	6
	SPED 3004	3			
	SPED 4010	3			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	12