

College of Letters, Arts and Sciences – Geography and Environmental Studies

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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).

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 Arts, Geography and Environmental Studies

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, 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
Gateway	GPS 1010
Explore¹ – Arts, Humanities and Cultures	See Degree Audit
Explore¹ – Society, Behavior and Health	See Degree Audit
Explore¹ – Physical and Natural World	See Degree Audit
Navigate²	HUM 3990
Summit	GES 4460, 4900, 4970, or 4990
Writing Intensive Course (WIC)³ <i>Two courses with at least one upper-division (3000+ level).</i>	HUM 3990 See Degree Audit
Inclusiveness³	GES 1980
Sustainability³	GES 1000

¹ Explore must be outside major and area requirements.

² Navigate must be outside major requirements.

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



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Department website: www.uccs.edu/geography

Degree Requirements	Courses					
Geography and Environmental Studies Major (41 hours) The Geography major requires a minimum of 41 credit hours of GES course work and a minimum of 21 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES course work. All GES courses must have a grade of "C-" or better.	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	Complete one of the following: GES 2050, GES 3030 (previously GES 4050), or GES 3060 (previously GES 4060)				3-4
	Geography Summit	Complete one of the following: GES 4460, GES 4900, GES 4970, GES 4900, or GES 4990				3
	Electives	Complete an additional 18 hours of upper-division (3000+ level) GES courses to meet total major hour requirements.				18
Senior Exit Exam	Complete the Geography Senior Exit Exam.				0	
Composition (6 hours)	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
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	Complete one of the courses listed below. Other options exist to fulfill this requirement. See the catalog or your degree audit for details.					
	ID 1050	ID 2000				
Area Requirements (27 hours) All LAS students are required to complete 9 credit hours in each of three areas - humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. The total requirement is 27 hours. Specific Limitations: > No more than two courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements. > Courses in the primary major may not be applied to area requirements. > Courses may not be taken pass/fail.	HUMANITIES – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below. Course selection must include one occurrence of HUM 3990.					
	AH 1000	AH 1001	AH 2800	AH 2810	AH 2820	AH 2860
	AH 2890	AH 3430	COMM 2250	COMM 3100	COMM 3500	COMM 4000
	ENGL 1500	ENGL 2600	ENGL 2610	ENGL 3320	ENGL 3900	FCS 3180
	FCS 3190	FCS 3240	FCS 3690	FCS 3890	FCS 4210	FILM 1000
	FILM 2000	FILM 3690	FR 3240	GER 3180	GER 3190	HIST 1120
	HIST 1130	HIST 1140	HIST 1400	HIST 1410	HIST 1540	HIST 1600
	HIST 1610	HUM 3990	ID 2000	MUS 1000	MUS 2050	MUS 2850
	PHIL 1000	PHIL 1020	PHIL 1120	PHIL 1300	PHIL 3000	PHIL 3100
	PHIL 3160	PHIL 3180	PHIL 4070	SPAN 3690	SPAN 4210	THTR 1000
	THTR 3201	THTR 3202	VA 1010	VA 1020	WEST 2030	WEST 2040
	WEST 3020	WEST 3100	WEST 3550	WEST 4050	WEST 4280	WEST 4920
	SOCIAL SCIENCE – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below.					
	ANTH 1020	ANTH 1040	ANTH 2800	ANTH 3040	ANTH 3260	ANTH 3270
	COMM 1020	COMM 2150	COMM 3440	COMM 4200	COMM 4220	COMM 4250
	ECON 1000	ECON 1010	ECON 1050	ECON 2020	ECON 3150	ECON 3710
	GRNT 2300	GRNT 3000	MSGP 4100	PHIL 3200	PSC 2100	PSC 3300
	PHIL 3210	PHIL 4260	PHIL 4400	PSC 1010	PSC 1100	PSC 2080
	PSC 4190	PSC 4210	PSC 4470	PSY 1000	PSY 3630	SOC 1110
	SOC 2200	SOC 2220	SOC 2250	SOC 2300	SOC 2500	SOC 3070
	SOC 3340	SOC 3610	WEST 1010	WEST 2500	WEST 3060	WEST 3070
	WEST 3090	WEST 3620	WEST 4100	WEST 4120	WEST 4500	
	NATURAL SCIENCE – Complete 9 hours from the list of courses below. At least one course must have, or be, a lab course. Lab courses are marked in bold.					
	ANTH 1030	ANTH 3320	ANTH 3340	ANTH 3370	BIOL 1000	BIOL 1050
	BIOL 1060	BIOL 1510	BIOL 1530	BIOL 2000	BIOL 3411	CHEM 1101
	CHEM 1102	CHEM 1111	CHEM 1112	CHEM 1121	CHEM 1122	CHEM 1201
	CHEM 1211	CHEM 1401	CHEM 1402	CHEM 1411	CHEM 1412	CHEM 1511
	CHEM 1513	ENSC 1500	ENSC 1510	ENSC 1600	ENSC 1620	ENSC 3200
	GEOL 1010	GEOL 1020	GEOL 1530	GEOL 3170	GEOL 3700	GEOL 4660

	ID 2050	PES 1000	PES 1040	PES 1050	PES 1060	PES 1090
	PES 1100	PES 1140	PES 1160	PES 1170	PES 1310	PES 1600
	PES 1620	PES 1710	PES 1720	PSY 3270		

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Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements	ORAL COMMUNICATION – Complete one of the courses listed below.					
	BIOL 4040	CHEM 4911	CHEM 4921	COMM 2010*	COMM 2100*	COMM 3240*
	COMM 4100	MATH 4040	PES 4810	PHIL 1040	PHIL 4950	TED 4600
	TED 4700	THTR 2020*	THTR 2030	THTR 2040	THTR 2050	THTR 3100

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.

All courses in this section can count towards other requirements. Courses marked with an asterisk () can count towards specific requirements; courses without an asterisk will count towards General Electives.*

CULTURAL DIVERSITY – Complete one of the courses listed below.					
AH 3430	ANTH 3250	ANTH 3420*	ASL 4000	COMM 3280*	ENGL 3320*
ENGL 4060	FCS 3360	FCS 4210*	GES 4680*	HIST 3520	HIST 3580
MUS 2050*	PHIL 3180*	PHIL 3230	PHIL 4550	SOC 2200*	SOC 2250*
SOC 3220*	SOC 3250*	SOC 3290*	SOC 4240*	SOC 4290*	SOC 4390*
SOC 4480*	SOC 4680	SPAN 4210*	SPAN 4420	THTR 3240	WEST 1010*
WEST 2020	WEST 3090*	WEST 3130	WEST 3150*	WEST 3250	WEST 3290*
WEST 3360	WEST 3420*	WEST 3520	WEST 3580	WEST 4120*	WEST 4280*
WEST 4390*	WEST 4480*	WEST 4500*	WEST 4550	WEST 4680	WEST 4920*

GLOBAL AWARENESS – Complete one of the courses listed below.					
AH 3450	AH 3460	AH 4450	AH 4470	ANTH 1040*	ANTH 3040*
CHEM 1111*	CHEM 4521*	ECON 3590	ECON 3710*	ENGL 2600*	ENGL 2610*
ENGL 4065	EUST 3000	FCS 3180*	FCS 3190*	FCS 3250	FCS 3380*
FCS 3690*	FCS 3890*	FILM 2000*	FILM 3690*	FR 3250	GER 3180*
GER 3190*	GES 1980*	GES 1990*	GES 3070*	GES 3400*	GES 3820*
GES 3980*	GES 4640*	GRNT 3560	HIST 1110*	HIST 1120*	HIST 1130*
HIST 1140*	HIST 1400*	HIST 1410*	HIST 1600*	HIST 1610*	HIST 3120*
HIST 3220*	HIST 3560*	HIST 3570	HIST 3590*	HIST 3680	HIST 4050*
HIST 4060	HIST 4130*	HIST 4150*	HIST 4160*	HIST 4280*	HIST 4860
ID 3700	ID 3710	ID 3720	ID 3730	ID 3740	ID 3750
ID 3760	MUS 3150*	PHIL 1300*	PHIL 1400	PHIL 3000*	PHIL 3100*
PHIL 3240*	PHIL 3345	PHIL 3400	PHIL 3480	PHIL 3490	PHIL 3500
PSC 1010*	PSC 2070	PSC 2080*	PSC 2090	PSC 3240	PSC 4170
PSC 4190*	PSC 4210*	PSC 4570	PSC 4580	PSC 4590	PSY 3560
SOC 2220*	SOC 3340*	SOC 4380*	SOC 4600	SOC 4660*	SOC 4700*
SPAN 3690*	WEST 3380*	WEST 3480*	WEST 3560	WEST 3680	WEST 4050*
WEST 4060	WEST 4170	WEST 4380*	WEST 4700*		

Compass Curriculum (12 hours)	Complete all Compass Curriculum requirements not already completed as part of the above program. The Gateway Seminar (GPS 1010) must be completed by all students. Explore courses must be completed outside of the major and Area Requirements. All other Compass Curriculum requirements can be completed within the degree requirements above. To see a list of all Compass Curriculum courses, please visit: www.uccs.edu/compasscurriculum .
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General Electives (28-31 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.
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UCCS Four-Year Degree Plan – Geography and Environmental Studies

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Environmental Studies 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 1980	4		GES 1000	4
	GPS 1010	3		ID 1050	3
	Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
	Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		General Elective	2
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	GES 1990	4		GES 1010	4
	Natural Science Elective w/lab	4		Humanities Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
	General Elective	3		Oral Communication	3
				General Elective	3
	TOTAL	14		TOTAL	16

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	GES Directed Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
	UD GES Elective	3		UD GES Elective	3
	Natural Science Elective	3		Social Science Elective	3
	Humanities Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	1		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	14		TOTAL	15

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	GES Summit Course	3		UD GES Elective	3
	UD GES Elective	3		UD GES Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		Natural Science Elective	2
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	4
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15