

Best Choices Guide

English - Secondary Education Option (BA)

This Associate of Arts pathway is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English - Secondary Education Option. It is based on the [best academic advising choices](#) for future UCCS students. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact transfer@uccs.edu for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete courses listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 credit hours. At least 31 credits must be GT Pathways Courses. At least 15 credit hours must be earned from the CCC granting the AA or AS degree. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE's [GT Pathways](#) website for more information.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better is required for transfer student admission to UCCS. A minimum grade of C- or higher is required for courses to transfer to UCCS.

Degree Requirements	Courses	
Written Communication (6 hours)	- ENG 121/1021 - ENG 122/1022 <i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.</i>	
Mathematics¹ (3 hours)	Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120 preferred)	
Arts & Humanities (9 hours)	- Complete three GT-AH Courses (GT-AH1) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4) (DO NOT complete any LIT courses for this requirement.)	
History (3 hours)	Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)	Complete three GT-SS Courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3) <i>Note: These courses are highly recommended: ECO 101/1001 and 1 additional course from the following: COM 220/2300, GEO 106/1006, or SOC 101/1001.</i>	
Physical and Life Sciences (7 hours)	Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.	
Additional Recommendations (26 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	COM 115/1150	3
	EDU 221/2211	3
	Complete five GT-AH2 LIT courses, four of which must be at the 2000-level. The following courses are strongly recommended: LIT 115/1015, LIT 211/2011, LIT 212/2012, LIT 221/2021, and LIT 222/2022	15
	General Electives ²	5

¹Reasoning Skills – UCCS

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a Reasoning Skills requirement. It can be completed in two ways:

1. Take MAT 1240, Math for the Liberal Arts (strongly encouraged for English majors) **OR**
2. Take MAT 1340, College Algebra (or higher) **AND** either MAT 1260, Intro to Statistics **or** PHI 1013, Logic. PHI 1013 fulfills a GT-AH3 course for the AA/AS.

English – Secondary Education Option majors should complete option 1, MAT 1240.

²Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a language requirement as part of their degree program. Students who provide a final, official transcript showing completion of an Associate's degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS will be waived from this requirement. For those who don't complete the Associate's degree, the second semester of a world language (ex: SPA 1012, Spanish Language II) or higher completes the requirement. Students who completed two years of the same world language in high school, or have AP, IB, or CLEP scores equivalent to a Language II course, will have completed the requirement upon receipt of high school transcripts and/or exam scores. Other exemptions and test-out options are available.

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Four-Year Degree Plan - English - Secondary Education Option

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in English - Secondary Education Option degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. 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
	ENG 121/1021	3		ENG 122/1022	3
	GT-MA1 course	3		GT-AH2 LIT course - LIT 115/1015	3
	GT-AH1, AH3, or AH4 course	3		GT-AH1, AH3, or AH4 course	3
	GT-SC course	3		GT-SC1 course	4
	GT-SS course (<i>Recommended: ECO 101/1001</i>)	3		General Elective	2
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	GT-AH2 LIT course - LIT 211/2011	3		GT-AH2 LIT course - LIT 212/2012	3
	GT-AH2 LIT course - LIT 221/2021	3		GT-AH2 LIT course - LIT 222/2022	3
	COM 115/1150	3		GT-HI1 course	3
	GT-AH1, AH3, or AH4 course	3		EDU 221/2211	3
	GT-SS course (<i>Recommended: COM 220/2300, GEO 106/1006, or SOC 101/1001</i>)	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	14		TOTAL	16

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENGL 3000 (<i>Writing Intensive</i>)	3		ENGL 3010	3
	ENGL 3070	3		ENGL 3710	3
	ENGL Non-Designated Elective/English Inclusiveness Course	3		ENGL Senior Seminar	3
	EDUC 1000	3		EDUC 2000	3
	UTED 1030	3		UTED 3020	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENGL 3855	3		EDUC 4950	12
	ENGL Senior Seminar	3		HUM 3990	3
	EDUC 3800	3			
	EDUC 3994	1			
	EDUC 4720	3			
	UTED 4710 (<i>Writing Intensive</i>)	3			
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, English - Secondary Education Option Major 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).
- Most Education programs require an additional 1-8 credits hours beyond the required 120 hours to complete the degree.
- The English - Secondary Education Option major requires a minimum of 39 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 18 of the hours must be at the upper-division level.
- At least 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

Additional Resources

- Visit the UCCS Transfer website at [Transfer Admissions](https://www.uccs.edu/transfer)
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu