

Best Choices Guide

Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST) (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 Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST). 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 the course requirements listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 semester credit hours. At least 31 hours must be Colorado GT Pathways Courses, and at least 15 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>	
Oral Communication (3 hours)	COM 115/1150	
Mathematics¹ (3 hours)	Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120/1240, Math for the Liberal Arts, preferred)	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	Complete two GT-AH courses (GT-AH1) (GT-AH2) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4)	
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 (6 hours)	Complete two GT-SS Courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3) <i>Recommend SOC 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 (23 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	SOC 216/2016	3
	WST 200/2000	3
	General Electives ²	14
	<i>Recommend additional WST GT Pathways courses (up to 6 hours)</i>	

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 **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.

WEST 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 - Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST)

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST) 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
	ETH 200/2000	3		WST 200/2000	3
	GT-SS course	3		GT-AH course	3
	GT-AH course	3		GT-MA1 course	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	SOC 216/2016	3		COM 115/1150	3
	GT-HI1 course	3		GT-SC2 course	3
	GT-SC1 course	4		GT-SS course	3
	GT-SS course	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	2
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	WEST 1010	3		WEST Substantive Area Course	3
	Upper-Division (UD) General Elective	3		WEST Substantive Area Course	3
	UD General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3		UD WEST Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		General Elective or WEST 4980 (<i>Honors Track</i>)	1
				General Elective	1
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	14

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	WEST 3400	3		WEST 4950	3
	WEST 4000-Level Capstone (<i>Standard Track</i>) or WEST 4990 (<i>Honors Track</i>)	3		UD WEST Elective	3
	WEST 4995 (<i>Standard Track</i>) or WEST 4980 (<i>Honors Track</i>)	1		UD WEST Elective	3
	UD WEST Elective	3		WEST Substantive Area Course	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	15

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST) 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).
- The Women's and Ethnic Studies (WEST) major requires a minimum of 30 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 21 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