

Best Choices Guide

Geography (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree 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 Geography. 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 with Designation (DwD), students must complete the courses listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 credit hours. At least 34 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 120/1240 or MAT 121/1340 preferred) <i>Note: Credits over 3 will be applied to general electives below.</i>	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	Complete two GT-AH Courses (GT-AH1) (GT-AH2) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4)	
History (3 hours)	Complete one GT-HI Course (GT-HI) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	Complete two GT-SS1 or GT-SS3 courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS3) (DO NOT take any GEO courses for this AA. GEY 111 not recommended.)	
Natural and Physical Sciences (7 hours)	Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.	
Additional Required Courses (29 hours) *COM 1150 will fulfill the Oral Communication requirement at UCCS.	GEO 105/1005	3
	GEO 106/1006	3
	GEO 111/1011	4
	GEO 112/1012	4
	General Electives ² (COM 115/1150 - Public Speaking - recommended*)	15

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado State-Wide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA) for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit [Transfer Degrees | Colorado Department of Higher Education Home](#).

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.

Geography majors are encouraged to take MAT 1240, unless they plan to take GES 4000, Statistical Analysis in Geography, at UCCS as an elective toward the major. In that case, GES 4000 and College Algebra (or higher) would complete the Reasoning Skills requirement.

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 - Geography

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Geography 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
	GEO 111/1111	4		GEO 112/1112	4
	GT-SS1 or SS3 course	3		MAT 120/1240 or MAT 121/1340 preferred – see note above	3
	GT-SC1 course	4		GT-SC course	3
				General Elective	3
	TOTAL	14		TOTAL	16

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	GEO 105/1005	3		GEO 106/1006	3
	GT-SS1 or SS3 course	3		COM 115/1150	3
	GT-AH course	3		GT-AH course	3
	GT-HI1 course	3		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	Geography (GES) Directed Elective	4		UD GES Elective	3
	Upper Division (UD) GES Elective	4		UD GES Elective	4
	UD GES Elective	4		General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
				UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	16

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	GES Summit Course	1-4		UD GES Elective	4
	UD GES Elective	0-3		UD General Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	UD General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3		UD General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness-Local</i>)	3
	TOTAL	13		TOTAL	16

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Geography 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 Geography major requires a minimum of 41 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