Best Choices Guide

MGD to Technical Communication and Information Design (BA)

This pathway guide is designed for PPSC students who want to earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Multimedia Graphic Design and then transfer to UCCS to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Technical Communication and Information Design (TCID) **with the Design and Media 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 AAS degree, students must complete the following course requirements for a minimum of 65 credit hours. 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 PPSC. Check the CDHE's GT Pathways website for more information.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better.

AAS Gen Ed Courses	Courses	
Written Communication (3 hours)	• ENG 1031	
Oral Communication (3 hours)	• COM 1150	
Mathematics[1] (3 hours)	• MAT 1240	
Art Course (3 hours)	• ART 1110	
AAS Elective (3 hours)	• ENG 1021 **or** ENG 1022	
Additional Required Courses (50 hours)	**MGD Required Courses for the AAS** ART 1002 MGD 1002 (Design and Media Track elective) MGD 1011 or ART 1005 MGD 1012 MGD 1013 MGD 1014 MGD 1017 or MGD 1020 MGD 1034 (Design and Media Track elective) MGD 1041 (Design and Media Track elective) MGD 1043 or MGD 1065 MGD 2013 MGD 2021 MGD 2042 MGD 2089	42
	MGD Electives - Complete 8 credit hours of approved electives from the list in the PPSC catalog: Multimedia Graphic Design, AAS • Include one additional GT-AH1 ART course from the list. • Include one GT-SS3 course from the list (COM or JOU).	8

[1]Reasoning 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 before transferring 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 is a GT-AH3 course.

TCID majors complete option 1, MAT 1240.

Language 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 - Technical Communication and Information Design

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Technical Communication and Information Design 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*
	MGD 1002	3		MGD 1013	3
	MGD 1011 **or** ART 1005	3		MGD 1014	3
	MGD 1012	3		MGD 1020 **or** 1017	3
	ART 1110	3		ART 1002	3
	ENG 1021	3		AAS Elective - ENG 1031	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	*Course*	*Hours*	√	*Course*	*Hours*
	MGD 1034	3		MGD 2021	3
	MGD 1041	3		MGD 2042	3
	MGD 1043 **or** MGD 1065	3		MGD 2089	3
	MGD 2013	3		MAT 1240	3
	COM 1150	3		MGD Elective (GT-SS3 COM or JOU course from the MGD list)	3
	MGD Elective (GT-AH1 ART course from the MGD list)	3		MGD Elective	2
	TOTAL	18		**TOTAL**	17

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	*Course*	*Hours*	√	*Course*	*Hours*
	TCID 3100	3		TCID 3130 *(spring only)*	3
	TCID 3120	3		TCID Upper Division (UD) Practice and Theory Course	3
	TCID 3860 (fall)	3		TCID UD Practice and Theory Course	3
	TCID 3865 (fall)	3		Explore – Physical Natural World Course	3
	Explore – Society, Behavior, and Health *(Inclusiveness US/Local)*	3		Natural Science Lab	1
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	13

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	*Course*	*Hours*	√	*Course*	*Hours*
	TCID UD Advanced Theory Course	3		TCID 4090 *(spring only)*	3
	TCID UD Practice/Theory Course	3		TCID UD Advanced Theory Course	3
	TCID UD Practice/Theory Course	3		TCID UD Advanced Theory Course	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective *(Inclusiveness Global/Sustainability)*	3
	Explore – Physical Natural World Course	3			
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	12

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Technical Communication and Information Design (TCID) 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 Technical Communication and Information Design major requires a minimum of 51 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 36 of the hours must be at the upper-division level.
- The last 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
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu