# Best Choices Guide

## Technical Communication and Information Design (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 Technical Communication and Information Design (TCID). 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 |
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| **Written Communication** (6 hours) | • ENG 121/1021<br>• ENG 122/1022<br>*Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.* |
| **Oral Communication** (3 hours) | • COM 115/1150 |
| **Mathematics**[1] (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) |
| **Social & Behavioral Sciences** (6 hours) | • Complete two GT-SS Courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3) |
| **Natural & Physical Sciences** (7 hours) | • Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2)<br>At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category. |

| Additional Recommended Courses | | |
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| (26 hours)<br>Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.<br><br>*Note: Additional tracks are available. Courses for these tracks must be taken at UCCS.<br>• Cybersecurity Mgmt<br>• Data Analytics<br>• Non-Profit/Org Writing | **ENG 131/1031** | 3 |
| | **Track Courses**<br>*Complete up to 3 of the following courses that will apply to a required TCID specialty track. Additional courses from this section will apply to the general elective hours below.**<br><br>**Accounting**: ACC 1021, ACC 1022, BUS 2026<br>**Business Administration**: BUS 1015, CIS 1055<br>**Design and Media**: ART 1002, ART 1006, ART 1201, CSC 1026<br>**Programming Foundations**: CSC 1019 | 9 |
| | **General Electives**[2]<br>Additional electives will be needed if less than 9 hours of the track courses are chosen. | 14 |

**[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 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.

**TCID majors** should complete option 1, MAT 1240.

**[2]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* |
| | ENG 121/1021 | 3 | | ENG 122/1022 | 3 |
| | GT-AH course | 3 | | GT-AH course | 3 |
| | GT-SS course | 3 | | GT-MA1 course | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 | | GT-SS course | 3 |
| | General Elective | 3 | | Track Course or General Elective (see list above) | 3 |
| | **TOTAL** | 15 | | **TOTAL** | 15 |

***Suggested Second Year***

| FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| √ | *Course* | *Hours* | √ | *Course* | *Hours* |
| | ENG 131/1031 | 3 | | Track Course or General Elective (see list above) | 3 |
| | COM 115/1150 | 3 | | GT-HI course | 3 |
| | Track Course or General Elective (see list above) | 3 | | GT-SC1 course | 4 |
| | GT-SC2 course | 3 | | General Electives | 5 |
| | General Elective | 3 | | | |
| | **TOTAL** | 15 | | **TOTAL** | 15 |

***Suggested Third Year***

| FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| √ | *Course* | *Hours* | √ | *Course* | *Hours* |
| | TCID 3100 | 3 | | TCID 3130 (spring) | 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 | | TCID UD Practice and Theory Course | 3 |
| | General Elective *(Sustainability)* | 3 | | General Elective (*Inclusiveness*) | 3 |
| | **TOTAL** | 15 | | **TOTAL** | 15 |

***Suggested Fourth Year***

| FALL | | | SPRING | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| √ | *Course* | *Hours* | √ | *Course* | *Hours* |
| | TCID UD Practice and Theory Course | 3 | | TCID 4090 (spring) | 3 |
| | TCID UD Advanced Theory Course | 3 | | TCID UD Advanced Theory Course | 3 |
| | HUM 3990 | 3 | | TCID UD Advanced Theory Course | 3 |
| | General Elective or Track Course | 3 | | UD General Elective or Track Course | 3 |
| | General Elective (*Inclusiveness*) | 3 | | General Elective | 3 |
| | **TOTAL** | 14 | | **TOTAL** | 16 |

**UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Technical Communication and Information Design 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 45 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 36 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
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu