

# Best Choices Guide

## English - Secondary Education Option (BS)

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 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](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu) for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete the following course requirements for a total of 60 semester credit hours, at least 34 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. 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.

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

Degree Requirements	Courses	
<b>Written Communication</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENG 121/1021</li> <li>ENG 122/1022</li> </ul> <p><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></p>	
<b>Oral Communication</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete COM 125/1250 or COM 220/2300</li> </ul>	
<b>Mathematics</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete one <a href="#">GT-MA1</a> Course (MAT 120 preferred)</li> </ul>	
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete LIT 115/1015 and one additional GT-AH courses (<a href="#">GT-AH1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH2</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH3</a>) (<a href="#">GT-AH4</a>)</li> </ul>	
<b>History</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete one GT-HI1 course (<a href="#">GT-HI1</a>) (<b>DO NOT</b> take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)</li> </ul>	
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b> (9 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete three GT-SS Courses (<a href="#">GT-SS1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SS2</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SS3</a>)</li> </ul>	
<b>Physical and Life Sciences</b> (7 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete two GT-SC courses. (<a href="#">GT-SC1</a>) (<a href="#">GT-SC2</a>)</li> </ul> <p>At least one course <b>MUST</b> come from the GT-SC1 category.</p>	
<b>Additional Requirements</b> (23 hours)	EDU 221/2211	3
Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	LIT 211/2011	3
	LIT 212/2012	3
	LIT 221/2021	3
	LIT 222/2022	3
	General Electives	8

### Other AA/AS Requirements

- A minimum of 60 credit hours in a prescribed program of study with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 (a C average). At least 15 of these credit hours must be earned from CCCS.
- Career and technical courses, whether taken at another institution or at CCCS, are not accepted toward this degree without approval of the CCCS Vice President for Instructional Services. Approval is given only when it is appropriate to the educational objectives of the student.
- Courses numbered below 100/1000 do not apply towards degrees.

### 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 have not completed two years of the same world language in high school or have equivalent AP, IB, or CLEP scores are encouraged to take a World Language course 1012, 2011, or 2012 at the community college. World Language credits will fulfill general electives toward the degree, or can apply to a minor. An exemption will be granted to those who complete an Associate's degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS. Other exemptions and test-out options are available at UCCS. **Contact ([transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu)) with questions.**

### Additional Resources

The UCCS transfer website ([www.uccs.edu/transfer](http://www.uccs.edu/transfer)) has many additional resources for students transferring from CCCS to UCCS.

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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
	LIT 115/1015	3		EDU 221/2211	3
	GT-MA1 course	3		LIT 211/2011	3
	GT-SS course	3		GT-AH course	3
	General Elective	3		GT-SS course	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		15			15

### Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	LIT 221/2021	3		LIT 212/2012	3
	GT-HI1 course	3		LIT 222/2022	3
	GT-SC1 course	5		COM 125/1250 or COM 220/2300	3
	GT-SS course	3		GT-SC course	4
				General Electives	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		14			16

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENGL 3000	3		ENGL 3010	3
	ENGL 3110 or 4850	3		UD ENGL Diversity Course ( <i>Sustainability</i> )	3
	ENGL Rhetoric and Writing Course ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	3		ENGL Approaches to Teaching Writing Course	3
	SPED 3001	3		ENGL Senior Seminar	3
	EDUC 2000	3		EDUC 3900	3
				EDUC 3994	1
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		15			16

### Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	EDUC 4600 & 4720 ( <b>TAKEN SUMMER PRIOR</b> )	6		EDUC 4950	12
	EDUC 4740	3			
	EDUC 4790	3			
	EDUC 4810	3			
	EDUC 4900	3			
	HUM 3990	3			
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>
		6/15			12

### 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 45 hours with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 18 of the hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The last 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

Prospective Student Advising: Transfer Advisor ([transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu))