

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, 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	
Written Communication (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ENG 121/1021 ENG 122/1022 <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>	
Oral Communication (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COM 115/1150 	
Mathematics (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120/1240 or MAT 121/1340 preferred)* <p><i>Note: Credits over 3 will be applied to general electives below.</i></p>	
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two GT-AH Courses (GT-AH1) (GT-AH2) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4) 	
History (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete one GT-HI Course (GT-HI) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.) 	
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two GT-SS1 or GT-SS3 courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS3) <p>(DO NOT take any GEO courses for this AA. GEY 111 not recommended.)</p>	
Physical and Life Sciences (7 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) <p>At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.</p>	
Additional Requirements (26 hours) Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.	GEO 105/1005	3
	GEO 106/1006	3
	GEO 111/1011	4
	GEO 112/1012	4
	General Electives	12

*The UCCS Reasoning Skills requirement can be fulfilled by taking either MAT 120/1240 **OR** MAT 121/1340 **and** a Statistics or Logic course. Students who plan to take GES 4000, Statistical Analysis in Geography, may take MAT 121/1340 as a prerequisite to GES 4000 and fulfill Reasoning Skills with the two courses.

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.

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado state-wide transfer articulation for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit the Guaranteed Transfer and Guided Pathways page on the Colorado Department of Higher Education website (higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html).

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) with questions.**

Additional Resources

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

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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-SC 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</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 (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)