

# Best Choices Guide

## Technical Communication and Information Design (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 Technical Communication and Information Design. 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>COM 115/1150</li> </ul>	
<b>Mathematics</b> (3 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete one <a href="#">GT-MA1</a> Course (MAT 120/1240 preferred)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: Credits over 3 will be applied to the general electives below.</i></p>	
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b> (6 hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete two 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 two 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> <p><i>Note: Credits over 7 will be applied to the general electives below.</i></p>	
<b>Additional Requirements</b> (23 hours)  Courses recommended by UCCS for this degree.  *Note: Additional tracks are available. Courses for these tracks would be taken at UCCS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cybersecurity Mgmt</li> <li>Data Analytics</li> <li>Non-Profit/Org Writing</li> </ul>	<b>ENG 131/1031</b>	3
	<b>Track Courses</b> 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.*  <b>Business Administration:</b> ACC 121/1021, ACC 122/1022, BUS 226/2026 <b>Design and Media:</b> ART121/1201, CSC 126/1026, MGD 102/1002, MGD 141/1041 <b>Programming Foundations:</b> CSC 119/1019	9
	<b>General Electives</b> Additional electives will be needed if less than 9 hours of the track courses are chosen.	11

### 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 at UCCS requires all students to meet a language requirement equivalent to two semesters of beginner-level instruction in a language other than English before graduation. Students will have fulfilled the requirement upon admission by having completed any of the following equivalents to the first two semesters of language courses (1010/1020) at UCCS: two years of the same world language in high school; AP, IB, or CLEP scores; or completion of a World Language course 1012 or higher in the Colorado Community College System. Students who graduated from high school prior to 1993 and veteran and active duty military students in specific situations will be exempt. Students may test out of all or part of the requirement by taking a placement exam at UCCS. **Please contact a Transfer Advisor ([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 - 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-SS course	3		GT-AH course	3
	GT-AH 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
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	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-SS course	3		General Electives	5
	GT-SC2 course	3			
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

### Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	ENGL 3110	3		TCID 3120	3
	TCID 3100	3		TCID 3860	3
	Practice/Theory Course	3		TCID 3865	3
	Upper Division (UD) General Elective	3		Practice/Theory Course	3
	General Elective ( <i>Sustainability</i> )	3		General Elective ( <i>Inclusiveness</i> )	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15

### Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
✓	Course	Hours	✓	Course	Hours
	TCID 4060 (spring only) or TCID 4065 (fall)	3		TCID 3130 (spring)	3
	Practice/Theory Course	3		TCID 4080 (spring)	3
	HUM 3990	3		TCID 4090 (spring)	3
	Natural Science Course	2		General Elective or Track Course	3
	UD General Elective	3		General Elective or Track Course	4
	<b>TOTAL</b>	14		<b>TOTAL</b>	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 (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.
- In addition to the requirements listed on this handout, students are required to complete one course in Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity and Global Awareness. The courses may be within the major, part of general education or electives. Technical Communication and Information Design majors can meet the Oral Communication and Global Awareness requirements by completing COM 115/1150 and one course from ANT 101/1001, GEO 105/1005 or GEO 106/1006 at the community college.

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