

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

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## GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

### Minimum Graduation Requirements

1. 120 credit hours
2. 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
3. 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
4. Residency: Last 30 credit hours of degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS

### Student Responsibilities

Students are required to know and follow:

1. All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: [catalog.uccs.edu](http://catalog.uccs.edu)
2. All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore Biology: [Undergraduate | Department of Biology \(uccs.edu\)](#)

Major Requirements				
Biology Major (32 hours)	Course/Area	Course Title	Credit Hours	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires a minimum of 32 credit hours of BIOL course work</li> <li>• Requires a minimum of 24 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) BIOL course work.</li> <li>• All BIOL courses must have a grade of "C-" or better.</li> </ul>	BIOL 1300/1310	General Biology: Organismic Biology and Lab	4	
	BIOL 1350/1360	General Biology: Introduction to the Cell and Lab	4	
	BIOL 3000	Biostatistics	3	
	BIOL 3020	Cell Biology	3	
	BIOL 3700	General Ecology	3	
	BIOL 3830	Genetics	3	
	BIOL 4250	Evolution	3	
	Electives	<i>Complete 9 hours of Upper Division (3000+ level) BIOL Electives.</i>		9
	<b>Education Courses (42 hours)</b>			
<p>Students begin Special Education courses in the fall semester of their junior year.</p> <p>A grade of "B-" or better must be earned in all Education courses.</p>	<b>First Year Courses</b> – Take the courses listed below during the junior year in the specified semester. NOTE: SPED 3000 and 3001 can be taken in the summer prior to the junior year.			
	IELM 4005 (Fall)	Classroom Management and Positive Behavior Support	3	
	SPED 3000 (Fall)	Dis/Ability Studies in Education	3	
	SPED 3001 (Fall)	Introduction to Special Education	3	
	EDUC 2100 (Spring)	Intro to Technology in Education	3	
	IELM 3250 (Spring)	Teaching Students with Complex Support Needs	3	
	IELM 4015 (Spring)	Teaching Reading & Writing Grades 2-6	3	
	SPED 4010 (Sum)	Multisensory Structured Language Education	3	
	SPED 4025 (Sum)	Fieldwork in Inclusive Classrooms	3	
	<b>Second Year Courses</b> - Take the courses listed below during the senior year in the specified semester.			
	IELM 3200 (Fall)	Designing Transitions and Inclusive Futures	3	
	IELM 4025 (Fall)	Teaching Elementary Mathematics	3	
	SPED 4030(Fall)	Elementary/Secondary Internship	3	
	IELM 3300 (Spring)	Collaboration and Co-Teaching	3	
	SPED 4031 ( Spring )	Elementary/Secondary Student Teaching and Seminar	6	

## General Education and Elective Requirements

<b>Core Writing Requirement</b> (6 hours)	1. ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 ( <i>Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.</i> ) 2. ENGL 1410 3. PORT 3000 (0 Credits) – Writing Portfolio																				
<b>Reasoning Skills</b> (10 hours)	1. MATH 1330 2. MATH 3010 3. MATH 3020																				
<b>Area Requirements</b> (29 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 2 courses from any one discipline may be applied to the area requirements</li> <li>Courses may not be taken pass/fail</li> </ul>	1. Humanities – 9 credit hours – complete HUM 3990, ENGL 1500, HIST 1510 or 1520 2. Social Sciences – 10 credit hours – complete GES 1980 or 1990, PSC 1100, and one from ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050 3. Natural Sciences – 10 credit hours – complete CHEM 1401, CHEM 1402, PES 1010, PES 1150  <b>NOTE:</b> Cannot select courses from primary major courses for area requirements.																				
<b>Oral Communication, Cultural Diversity, and Global Awareness Requirements</b>	One course from each list (see degree audit). <i>All courses that fulfill these requirements may also count towards other general education or major requirements.</i>																				
<b>Compass Curriculum</b> (6 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore and Navigate courses must be outside major and area requirements</li> <li>Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses can count towards other requirements within degree</li> </ul>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Component</th> <th>Course</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Gateway</b></td> <td>GPS 1010</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b></td> <td>See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b></td> <td>EDUC 2700 (included in Education requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b></td> <td>MATH 3010 (Included in Reasoning Skills requirement)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Navigate</b></td> <td>HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Summit</b></td> <td>SPED 4031 (included in Education requirements)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b> <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i></td> <td>1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. See Degree Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Inclusiveness</b></td> <td>GES 1980 or GES 1990</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Sustainability</b></td> <td>BIOL 3700</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Component	Course	<b>Gateway</b>	GPS 1010	<b>Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures</b>	See Degree Audit	<b>Explore – Society, Behavior and Health</b>	EDUC 2700 (included in Education requirements)	<b>Explore – Physical and Natural World</b>	MATH 3010 (Included in Reasoning Skills requirement)	<b>Navigate</b>	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)	<b>Summit</b>	SPED 4031 (included in Education requirements)	<b>Writing Intensive Courses (WIC)</b> <i>Two courses with one upper-division (3000+ level)</i>	1. HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) 2. See Degree Audit	<b>Inclusiveness</b>	GES 1980 or GES 1990	<b>Sustainability</b>	BIOL 3700
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## FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410
		BIOL 1300/1310	4		BIOL 1350/1360	4
		CHEM 1401/1402	5		MATH 1330	4
		GPS 1010	3		PES 1010/1150	5
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

Year Two	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			BIOL 3000	3		BIOL 3020
		MATH 3010	3		Upper-Division (UD) BIOL Elective	3
		ECON 1000, 1010, or 1050	3		MATH 3020	3
		ENGL 1500	3		GES 1980 or GES 1990	4
		HIST 1510 or HIST 1520	3		PSC 1100	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	16

Year Three	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			BIOL 3830	3		BIOL 3700
		BIOL 4250	3		UD BIOL Elective	3
		IELM 4005	3		EDUC 2100	3
		SPED 3000	3		IELM 3250	3
		SPED 3001	3		IELM 4015	3
					SPED 4010/4025 ( <b>Taken during summer</b> )	6
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	15/6

Year Four	✓	FALL	Hours	✓	SPRING	Hours
			UD BIOL Elective	3		HUM 3990
		Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		IELM 3300	3
		IELM 3200	3		SPED 4031	6
		IELM 4025	3			
		SPED 4030	3			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	15		<b>TOTAL</b>	12