



# Transfer Guide

## ELEMENTARY/SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSFER GUIDE AND PLANNING WORKSHEET

Colorado Community Colleges  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
Bachelor of Arts Degree

**Majors available in: Biology, English, Geography & Environmental Studies, History, or Spanish**

This planning worksheet represents a guide for community college students transferring to the **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS)** and planning on pursuing Elementary or Special Education certification. This transfer guide can be used in two ways:

- If the student completes an Associate of Arts degree at a Colorado community/junior college, this Transfer Guide identifies the courses a student needs to complete (with a C- or higher) at the community/junior college in order to be able to finish the designated baccalaureate degree in no more than 68 credits beyond the 60 credits required to complete the Associate degree. In this role, the planning worksheet serves as a “60+68” transfer guide. Under Colorado policy, students who complete an Associate of Arts degree at a Colorado community/junior college **and are admitted to a public 4-year college or university within Colorado** are also guaranteed: the full transfer of a minimum of 60 credits toward a baccalaureate degree at a Colorado institution of higher education, completion of the lower-division component of the receiving institution’s core curriculum, and junior standing. If more than 60 college-level credits are taken at the community/junior college, some loss of transfer credit may occur and students may not be able to complete this baccalaureate degree in 128 credits.
- If the student intends to transfer prior to completing an Associate of Arts degree, this Transfer Guide should still be used to identify the courses that can most effectively prepare them for efficiently completing the designated major at the institution to which they are transferring. While not completing the required Associate degree eliminates the guarantees described above, all the individual general education courses identified below in Section I are guaranteed to transfer and to count toward fulfilling the receiving institution’s lower division general education requirements.

Community college students seeking to transfer under the CCHE ‘60+68’ guaranteed graduation policies described above must complete all required courses (listed as only option or as required) within the first 60 semester hours at the community college and complete an Associate of Arts. Completion of an associate degree does not assure admission to any University of Colorado at Colorado Springs degree program.

### State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado state-wide transfer articulation for Elementary Education. 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 ([highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html](http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html)).

### Foreign Language Note – UCCS

UCCS admission requirements include 2 years of the same high school foreign language (or equivalent 2 semesters at Pikes Peak Community College). Students planning to attend UCCS who do not have the prerequisite foreign language requirement should consider enrolling in these courses in addition to the degree requirements. This admission requirement does not apply to those who graduated from high school prior to 1988, who have a GED, who graduated from a non-U.S. high school, or who can prove proficiency in a foreign language through the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester at college level. **Please check with the Transfer Advisor ([transfer@uccs.edu](mailto:transfer@uccs.edu)) to see if this requirement applies to you.**

### Additional Resources

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



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To earn the Associate of Arts Degree, students must complete the following course requirements for a total of 60 semester credit hours, at least 35 of which must be Colorado State-Guaranteed Courses. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to an associate's degree.

To transfer to UCCS, students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.4 or better, *including all remedial and repeated courses*. (Students with a transfer GPA between 2.0 and 2.39 will be considered for admission.) Each transfer course must have a grade of "C" or better.

Degree Requirements	Courses				
<b>Communication</b> (9 credit hours)	ENG 121*	<i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122, should take ENG 201 as their second composition course.</i> <i>* ENG 121 must be passed with a B- or better.</i>			
	ENG 122				
	COM 115				
<b>Mathematics</b> (6 credit hours)	<b>Category GT-MA1</b>				
	MAT 155*	Complete MAT 155 <u>and</u> MAT 156.			
	MAT 156*	* Both courses must be passed with a B- or better.			
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities</b> (3 credit hours)	Select one LIT course from the courses listed below. <b>NOTE: LIT 115 is the preferred option for UCCS students.</b>				
	LIT 115	LIT 201	LIT 202	LIT 211	LIT 221
<b>History</b> (3 credit hours)	HIS 121	Complete HIS 121.			
<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences</b> (6 credit hours)	GEO 105	Complete GEO 105 <u>and</u> POS 111.			
	POS 111				
<b>Physical and Life Sciences<sup>1</sup></b> (8 credit hours)	SCI 155	Complete SCI 155 <u>and</u> SCI 156. <b>NOTE: Biology majors should take BIO 111 and CHE 111 in place of SCI 155/156.</b>			
	SCI 156				
<b>Additional Requirements</b> (6 credit hours)	* Course must be passed with a B- or better.				
	EDU 221*				3
	PSY 238*				3
<b>Other Requirements by Major</b> 19-21 credits recommended by UCCS for this degree according to major choice.  <b>Courses marked with an asterisk (*) must be completed with a B- or better.</b>  <b>NOTE: Biology, Geography, and Spanish majors complete 1-4 additional hours; however, all hours will transfer and apply to UCCS without exceeding the 126 credit hour maximum for the degree.</b>	Complete all of the following courses:				
	PSY 101				3
	ECO 201 or 202				3
	PHI 111, PHI 112, or PHI 113				3
	BIO 105 ( <b>Biology majors should complete BIOL 112 instead.</b> )				4
	<b>Best Choices by Major</b>				
	<b>Biology</b>	Complete the following courses: HWE 100 BIO 204			7
	<b>English</b>	Select two <b>UNUSED</b> courses from the following: LIT 115 LIT 211 LIT 212 LIT 221 LIT 222			6
	<b>Geography</b>	Select two courses from the following: GEO 106 GEO 111			7-8



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		GEO 112	
	<b>History</b>	<i>Complete one of the following options:</i> HIS 101 <u>and</u> HIS 102 or HIS 247 OR HIS 111 <u>and</u> HIS 112 or HIS 247	6
	<b>Spanish</b>	<i>Complete the following:</i> SPA 212 1 course from AST 101, or AST 102 <b>NOTE: Students should have second year proficiency in Spanish. Lower-division courses that lead to that level but are not included in the total hours are: SPA 111, 112, &amp; 211.</b>	7

Additional course options are available for the Physical & Life Sciences requirement. However, taking alternate courses will not meet the requirements for the Degree with Designation from the Colorado Community College System schools. Alternate courses are as follows: AST 101, AST 102, CHE 105, GEO 112, HWE 100, or PHY 101.