

College like a Pro

Step One: Take Ownership of your Education

- Review Potential Degree Plans on the [UCCS Advising Website](#).
- Review your Compass General Education Requirements on the [Compass Website](#) or in [your Degree Audit](#)
- Identify skills you need for future success by talking with the [UCCS T. Rowe Price Career and Innovation Center](#)
- Deepen your education through [High Engagement Opportunities](#) like study abroad or mentored research.

Step Two: Get Connected

- Join a campus club or organization on the UCCS [Student Life Website](#) or [UCCS Club Match](#).
- Get to know your instructors. Reach out to them by email or visit their office hours for assistance.
- Connect with a student mentor like a [GPS Peer Leader](#) or Engagement Leader (engage@uccs.edu).
- Find a community or affinity group like [First2Go](#) or the [MOSAIC Office](#).

Step Three: Use your Resources

- Enhance your education and get help from trained tutors at the [UCCS Excel Learning Centers](#)
- Borrow materials or reserve study space at the [Kraemer Family Library](#)
- Review the many other free resources available to students on the [Compass Website](#)

Step Four: Get Real – Handle the Practical

- Consider applying for a campus job at [SEAN](#) or find aid or scholarships at [Financial Aid](#)
- Get a parking pass or register your vehicle at [Parking Services](#)
- Get textbooks, supplies and UCCS gear through the [UCCS Campus Store](#).

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UCCS Compass General Education Curriculum

A general education curriculum required for all students is common at most colleges and universities. General education helps to provide college graduates with a core set of skills and experiences no matter their degree choices. We believe that all students at UCCS will benefit from the curriculum and will find the skills they develop useful in whatever path they follow after graduation.

The [UCCS Compass General Education](#) program is based on nation-wide best practices and on recommendations from the American Association of Colleges and Universities. The UCCS Compass program is intentional in integrating [high-impact practices](#) shown to promote learning and college success. Our curriculum reflects the most recent research into the skills that matter to employers such as the AAC&U's report on "[How College Contributes to Workforce Success.](#)"

The requirements for each student will vary somewhat based on your major and previous experience. The best way to see the requirements for you is to check your [Degree Audit](#). You should also find time to discuss the requirements with your [Academic Advisor](#) and get their feedback and insight.

If you enter UCCS with transfer credits, AP/IB scores, or a previous degree, they should apply to your requirements already. You can check the degree audit to see if they are applying! If you think you have already met a requirement through previous coursework or other relevant experiences (for instance, military service or technical education), you should begin by talking with your Academic Advisor. You can also check the specific [transfer policies on our website!](#) The table below lists the core requirements for all students, and when most students complete them (early, in the middle, or late in their time in college)

Compass Requirements

Early	Middle	Late
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPS (Gateway Program)• Core Writing One (ENGL 13XX)• Core Writing Two• Quantitative Reasoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore: Society, Health, and Behavior• Explore: Arts, Culture, and Humanities• Explore: Physical and Natural World• Writing Intensive One	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navigate (3000 level)• Writing Intensive Two (3000/4000 level)• Writing Portfolio Requirement• Summit Experience