COMPASS CURRICULUM

THE CAMPUS-WIDE EDUCATION PROGRAM AT UCCS

WHAT IS THE COMPASS CURRICULUM?

The Compass Curriculum is the signature undergraduate education program at UCCS for all majors and all colleges. This program endeavors to provide you with the tools for professional and personal success that you will need when you graduate. All parts of the program incorporate the skills employers say they want students to have from their education (critical thinking, oral and written communication, ethics, innovation, problem-solving, understanding inclusiveness, and sustainability).

Education Framework

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Gateway Program Seminar 3 Credits

English 1310 3 Credits

English 1410 or 2080 / 2090 3 Credits

Quantitative Reasoning 3 Credits

2

Physical and Natural World 3 Credits

Arts, Culture, Humanities 3 Credits

Society, Health and Behavior 3 Credits

3

Inclusiveness (Global/Diversity)

Navigate 3 Credits

Sustainability

4

Writing Intensive Courses

Summit Experience 0-3 Credits in Major

Writing Portfolio 0 Credits Graduation Requirement

YEAR ONE: Gateway
The Gateway Program Seminar (GPS) introduces you to UCCS and helps you build academic skills to set you up for success here on campus. Students who take this course are more successful in college.

YEAR TWO: Explore (Three Courses)
Explore courses provide you with a breadth of knowledge from courses about the physical and natural world; arts, culture, and humanities; and society, behavior, and health.

YEAR THREE: Navigate
The Navigate course is taken during your junior year and is an interdisciplinary, knowledge-in-action course that provides you with opportunities to apply your academic knowledge to real world endeavors.

SENIOR YEAR: Summit
The Summit is a course or experience that you complete in your senior year and within your major. It is the culmination of your experiences here at UCCS and draws upon the knowledge and skills you have built both inside and outside of your major.

ANY YEAR:

Writing Intensive Courses
Important to your academic and professional success, these courses further develop your writing in academic and professional contexts.

Sustainability Courses
These courses explore interactions between human development and the natural environment, specifically addressing ideas about social equity, economic development, and environmental impact.

Inclusiveness (Global / Diversity) Courses
By highlighting diverse perspectives and dynamics of exclusion and inclusion, these courses prepare you to work with people from a variety of backgrounds and across different contexts--locally, nationally, and globally.

Writing Portfolio
Prior to your final semester and after you have earned 60 credit hours, you will submit two papers to your online writing portfolio. These papers will demonstrate your writing accomplishments beyond the first two semesters of writing coursework.

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