

FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Climate Change Studies program prepares students with a comprehensive understanding of climate change; analytical and interdisciplinary skills for climate change research and practice; and an understanding of global perspectives, community engagement, and justice in climate change. The Climate Change Studies program offers B.S. and B.A. degrees and three tracks (e.g., natural sciences, society, and policy) that include a range of courses across multiple departments, colleges, and schools at CU Denver.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas.advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Climate Change Studies Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 3016

303-315-7525

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

Office of Admissions

admissions@ucdenver.edu

Visit the Admissions website [here](#)

Student Commons Building (SCB) 1005

303-315-2601

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Climate Change Studies Natural Sciences B.S. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 51 credit hours and of those 18 must be upper division (3000- level and above) credit hours from the approved courses.
2. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to major requirements.
3. A minimum of 30 credit hours must be completed in courses taught by faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at CU Denver.
4. Only three credits of Travel Study may be counted toward graduation requirements.
5. Undergraduate students may count up to 6 credit hours of independent study or internship (any combination of relevant independent study, internship, or directed research coursework) towards elective credit in the major as approved by the program director. Students may not receive more than three credit hours per independent study section. No more than three credit hours of independent study may be taken with the same instructor or in the same term.

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COURSEWORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit <https://transferology.com/school/ucdenver>. **It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements.** All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a [Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation \(DWD\)](#) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete [Reverse Transfer](#) at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements	CU Denver Credits	CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes	CCCS Credits
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40		
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3	ENG 1021	
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3	ENG 1022	
Mathematics	3 - 4	MAT 1260 or 1340 <i>recommended</i>	
Arts	3	GT-AH	
Humanities	3	GT-AH or GT-HI	
Behavioral Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS	
Social Sciences	3 - 4	GT-SS or GT-HI*	
Natural/Physical Science with lab	4 - 5	GEO 1011 or ENV 1111 or GT-SC1	
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math	3 - 5	GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (<i>except the course used for Core Math</i>) or GT-SC1	
International Perspectives	3	Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (<i>see note below</i>)	
Cultural Diversity	3	<i>To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply.</i>	---
CCST Major Courses	20 - 21		
GEOG 1202 Introduction to Physical Geography or ENVS 1044 & 1045 Introduction to Environmental Sciences with Lab	3 - 4	GEO 1011 or ENV 1111 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab</i>	
BIOL 2020 & 2021 Molecules to Cells (Gen Bio) with lab	4	BIO 1111 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab</i>	
BIOL 2010 & 2011 Organisms to Ecosystems (Gen Bio) with lab	4	BIO 1112 <i>Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab</i>	
CHEM 2031 & 2038 General Chemistry I with lab	4	CHE 1111	
CHEM 2061 & 2068 General Chemistry II with lab	5	CHE 1112	
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended:	60	<i>Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to plan for additional programs.</i>	

***The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.**

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SAMPLE PLAN – COURSEWORK TO BE COMPLETED AT CU DENVER

Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
GEOG/ENVS 3232 ^{PE}	3
Approved Upper-Division Natural Science Course	3
PSCI 2365	3
CCST 1001	1
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	13

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
GEOG/ENVS 4720 ^{PE}	3
Approved Upper-Division Quantitative Methods Course	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	4
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
Approved Upper-Division Natural Science Course	3
Approved Upper-Division Quantitative Methods course	3
Approved Upper-Division Society Course	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	4
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
CCST 4001 ^{PE} or CCST 3939	3
Approved Upper-Division Policy Course	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended