Geography, B.A.

DEPARTMENT

MN in Geography, Minor
BA in Geography, B.A.
MN in Meteorology, Minor
MN in City and Regional Planning, Minor
BS in City and Regional Planning, B.S.
CERT in Community and Regional Planning, Certificate of Adv Study - Continuing & Global Education

REQUIREMENTS

Department

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Geography Major

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in geography requires the completion of 120 units, at least 36 of which shall be in geography.

1. Major requirements (36 units)
   Core courses (18 units)
   GEOG 2, 4, 5, 7, 30, 141
   Approved geography electives (18 units)
   Any geography or city and regional planning courses; however, at least 12 units must be upper-division.

2. General Education requirements (49 units)

3. Other requirements (6 units)*
   Upper-division writing and Multicultural and International (MI)

4. Sufficient elective units to meet required total units (varies)
   (See Degree Requirements); may be used toward a double major or minor

5. Total (120 units) **

   * Students must complete an approved upper-division writing course at this university with a grade of CR or letter grade of C or better.

   ** G.E. and MI courses can be double-counted with major requirements. The writing requirement may be met by taking the upper-division writing exam. See advisor for details. This total reflects the use of GEOG 4 in G.E. Breadth D3. Consult the department chair or faculty advisor for additional details and guidance on electives.

Advising Notes

1. No more than 3 units of GEOG 195 may be applied to the geography major.
2. General Education courses offered by the Department of Geography may be used to satisfy the General Education requirements for geography majors.
3. CR/NC grading is not permitted in the geography major with the exception of GEOG 192 and 195.
4. General Education and elective units may be applied to a second major or a minor (see double major or departmental minor). Consult the appropriate department chair, program coordinator, or faculty adviser for further information.
5. Students must complete a minimum of 12 upper-division units in the major as part of the requirements to earn a B.A.
6. It is strongly recommended that students interested in professional careers in geography complete a minor in a related field.
7. Students must regularly consult with their academic adviser. Such consultation will facilitate course selection and enable the student to develop a program consistent with individual interests and needs. Please consult with an adviser for guidance on electives.
8. The selection of electives within the major should be strongly influenced by career goals, interests in graduate study, and related matters. Whether one’s interest focuses on environmental protection, planning, cartography, GIS, locational analysis, or any one of a wide array of geographic competencies, the department can provide current applicable information. Inquiries are welcomed. The department will facilitate course selection and enable the student to develop a program consistent with individual interests and needs. Please consult with an advisor for guidance on electives.  
9. Students may use GEOG 167 to satisfy the Multicultural/International requirement.

FACULTY

Instruction at introductory and advanced levels is conducted by a faculty whose teaching and research interests are diverse. All major facets of the discipline are represented as are a number of specializations, which include medical geography, economic studies of China, urban revitalization, political ecology of natural resource management, environmental monitoring using remote sensing, urban air quality, urban and regional planning, environmental planning, and climate change and global governance.

For faculty phone numbers and e-mail, see the campus directory.

For more on the faculty, see the faculty pages.
The faculty pages are updated by the department or program.