General Geography

**Geography Major, Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree**

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**Major Concentration Description**

The General Geography degree provides flexibility in designing unique programs for students with highly specialized career or graduate study objectives. Students electing to follow this degree option are strongly encouraged to work closely with an advisor who has experience in their special area of interest. Check [http://www.geo.txstate.edu](http://www.geo.txstate.edu) for more information.

**Degree/Major Requirements**

1. Students majoring in Geography (General) complete either the Bachelor of Art (B.A.) or the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.
2. **The B.S. degree requires a minimum of 36 semester hours of Geography.** This degree requires at least a 2.5 GPA for geography courses attempted at Texas State University and at least a 2.25 GPA for all courses taken at Texas State University.
3. **The B.A. degree requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of Geography.** This degree requires at least a 2.5 GPA for geography courses attempted at Texas State University and at least a 2.25 GPA for all courses taken at Texas State University.
4. The degree requires a minor area of study with a minimum of 18 semester hours.
5. Texas State requires a minimum of 120 semester hours of coursework to graduate including:
   a) General Education Core requirements; b) major requirements; c) minor requirements; and d) additional elective courses selected from disciplines other than major or minor.
6. At least 36 semester hours must be advanced (3000 - 4000) level courses.
7. At least 9 semester hours must be writing intensive (WI).

**Minor Requirements**

Minor may be any approved Texas State minor. Geology, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, Anthropology, Computer Science, Mathematics, or Plant and Soil Science. Other minors may be appropriate depending upon your interests and career goals. Discuss possible options with your advisor.

**Optional Certificates:**

- **GIS - Geographic Information Science** - 19 to 20 hours
- **Environmental Interpretation** - 15 to 16 hours
- **Location Analysis** - 16 to 18 hours
- **Water Resources Policy** - 16 to 17 hours

Check [http://www.geo.txstate.edu/degrees-programs/certificates.html](http://www.geo.txstate.edu/degrees-programs/certificates.html) or online Class Schedule/Catalog [https://ssb.txstate.edu](https://ssb.txstate.edu) for more details.
General Geography Course Checklist

Bachelor of Science: 36 Semester Hours Minimum
Bachelor of Arts: 30 Semester Hours Minimum

REQUIRED:

____ 1309 Introduction to Cultural Geography or 1310 World Geography

____ 2410 Introduction to Physical Geography - Prerequisite: Math 1315 or above (excluding Math 1316) with a grade "C" or higher.

____ 3301 Quantitative Methods - Prerequisite: Math 1315 or above (excluding Math 1316) with a grade "C" or higher.

TECHNIQUES: You must select at least one of the following courses (more are recommended)

____ 2426 Fundamentals of GIS - Prerequisite: Math 1315 (excluding Math 1316) with a grade "C" or higher.

____ 3411 Map Compilation and Graphics - Prerequisite: Math 1315 (excluding Math 1316) with a grade "C" or higher.

____ 3416 Principles of Remote Sensing - Prerequisite: Math 1315 (excluding Math 1316) with a grade "C" or higher.

____ 4430 Field Methods (W.I.) - Prerequisites: GEO 2410 and GEO 3301 with a grade of "C" or higher

ELECTIVES:

Consult with your advisor to select additional Geography Courses

Recommended course of study:

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Steps to Graduation

1. Consult with an academic advisor or geography faculty member.

2. Declare intention to major in Geography with Department Academic Advisor, College of Liberal Arts - Flowers Hall 322.

3. Declare minor with Geography Department Academic Advisor.

4. Apply for graduation on-line the first two weeks of the semester of graduation.

Consider joining one of Texas State Geography’s student organizations.
Check bulletin board across the hall from ELA 139 for more information.