

Geography

Bachelor of Arts Degree Effective Fall 2016

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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> 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.A. degree requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of Geography
3. This degree requires a.) minimum 2.5 major GPA for geography courses attempted at Texas State University and b.) minimum 2.25 Texas State GPA for all courses taken at Texas State University.
4. Students must make a grade of "C" or better in all Geography courses to receive for credit toward their major.
5. The degree requires a minor area of study with a minimum of 18 semester hours.
6. 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.
7. At least 36 semester hours must be advanced (3000 – 4000) level courses.
8. At least 9 semester hours must be writing intensive (WI).
9. All Geography prerequisite courses must be completed with a "C" or better.

Minor Requirements: Minor may be any approved Texas State minor including 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: Certificates are designed to enhance your employability and offer you a firm foundation in a particular discipline that is complementary to your major field of study. The courses that you complete for a certificate may count toward your major or minor depending on your field of study. If you are interested in pursuing a certificate, please contact the Undergraduate Program Staff Administrator in ELA room 130.

GIS - Geographic Information Science - 20 hours
Environmental Interpretation - 16 to 17 hours

Location Analysis - 16 to 18 hours
Water Resources Policy -16 to 17 hours

General Geography Course Checklist

Bachelor of Arts: 30 Semester Hours Minimum

STUDENTS MUST MAKE A GRADE OF "C" OR BETTER IN ALL GEOGRAPHY COURSES TO RECEIVE CREDIT TOWARD THEIR MAJOR.

REQUIRED of all Geography majors: **(10 hours)**

_____ 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 of "C" or higher.)

_____ 3301 Research Methods in Geography (Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above [excluding MATH 1316] with a grade of "C" or higher.)

REQUIRED Techniques course – select one from: **(4 hours)**

_____ 2426 Fundamentals of GIS (Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above [excluding MATH 1316] with a grade of "C" or higher.)

_____ 3411 Maps & Mapmaking (Prerequisite: GEO 2426 with a grade of "C" or higher)

_____ 3416 Principles of Remote Sensing (Prerequisite: GEO 2410 with a grade of "C" or higher)

_____ 4430 Field Methods (Prerequisite: 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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**Consider joining one of Texas State Geography's student organizations.
Check bulletin board across the hall from ELA 139 for more information.**