

Geography Major Requirements

To earn a bachelor of arts in geography, students must complete **10 geography courses** with a grade of **C-minus** or above across the following categories:

Foundation Courses (3 courses): Students must complete three foundation courses. Foundation courses are intended to provide students a basic understanding of human, physical, and world regional geography. It is recommended they be taken as early as possible in a student's program.

Course	Title
GEOG 401 or GEOG 402	Regional Geography of the Western World Regional Geography of the Non-Western World
GEOG 572	Geography of the Natural Environment
GEOG 581	Human Geography

Skills Courses (2 courses): Two skills courses are required of all majors. Skills courses provide students with basic analytical and technical skills used in geography.

Course	Title
GEOG 590 or GEOG 595	Field Research Statistics for Spatial Science
GEOG 658	*Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

*Students are encouraged to complete GEOG 595, Statistics for Spatial Science, or another statistics course approved by their advisor before enrolling in GEOG 658.

Electives (5 courses): Elective courses may be any additional four geography courses, excluding 401 or 402, plus one 600+ writing intensive course (Discovery Program Capstone). Independent study courses including GEOG 695: Internship, GEOG 795: Special Project, and GEOG 799: Honors Thesis may be applied to the major elective requirement once if taken for a total of four credit hours.

Students interested in geographic information systems, remote sensing, locational analysis and other geographic techniques may specialize in Geotechniques by completing three 700-level methods courses in Geography (GEOG 750-769).

Additional Requirements

- Major department courses may be used to satisfy two Discovery category requirements excluding courses taken for foundation course credit and unlimited in the case of a second major.
- The university's foreign language requirement may not be fulfilled by American Sign Language except by petition.
- Students intending to major in geography should consult with the department chairperson.