

BA in Geography with Emphasis in General Geography

Degree Program Description

Geographers are interested in a wide range of topics and often work in interdisciplinary teams that analyze challenges like environmental change, resource use, and economic issues in an increasingly interdependent world. Students who select the general geography track plan their own upper-division coursework in order to receive a very broadly-structured education, typically selecting courses from all three of the GIS, physical geography, and human geography emphasis areas. Geography prepares students for a variety of professions including careers in environmental impact assessment, mapping, remote sensing, geographic information analysis, government service, military intelligence, as well as education. Geographers are interested in a wide range of topics and often work in interdisciplinary teams that analyze challenges like environmental change, resource use, and economic issues in an increasingly interdependent world. Geography majors receive marketable skills during their undergraduate experience. Recent graduates work for companies such as ESRI and Garmin. MU geography graduates have also found employment with government agencies, including the National Park Service, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and Missouri Department of Transportation.

Major Program Requirements

This area is designed for students with a broad interest in geographical studies. Due to the general nature of this emphasis area, students must develop in consultation with their advisor a personal plan of study outlining specific goals and course requirements. Five geography courses are required, four of those at the 3000-level or higher.

In addition, students must complete all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/universityrequirements/>), including University general education (<http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegree/requirements/general/educationrequirements/>).

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available.

First Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
ENGLSH 1000 [*]		3 MATH 1100 [*]	3
GEOL 1100 [*]		4 GEOG 2610	3
GEOG 1100		3 Second language II ^{^*}	4-6
Second language I ^{^*}		4-6 Elective/minor course	3
		14-16	13-15
Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
GEOG 1800		3 GEOG 1550	3
Second language III [*]		3-4 GEOG 3840 or 3040	3

Social Science Course (MO State Law) [*]		3 Behavioral Science Course [*]	3
Elective/Minor Course		3 Behavioral Science Course [*]	3
3000+ level Geog emphasis course		3 Writing Intensive Course [*]	3
		15-16	15
Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Biological/Physical Science Course ^{^*}		3 Humanities/Fine Arts Course [*]	3
Social Science Course (2000+)		3 3000+ level Geog emphasis course	3
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3000+ level Geog emphasis course		3 Humanities/Fine Arts Course (2000+) [*]	3
Social Science Course [*]		3 Biological/Physical Science Course with Lab	3-5
		Elective/Minor Course (3000+)	
		15	15-17
Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
STAT 1200 or 1300		3 GEOG 4990	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Course [*]		3 3000+ level Geog emphasis course [^]	3
3000+ level Geog emphasis course		3 Elective/Minor Course	3
Elective/Minor Course (3000+)		3 Humanities/Fine Arts Course (2000+) [*]	3
Elective/Minor Course		3 Elective/Minor Course (3000+)	3
		15	15

Total Credits: 117-124

Requires 120 credits for graduation.

- ^{*} Denotes General Education and A&S Foundation Requirements
- [^] Denotes Degree Program Requirements
- [~] Denotes Emphasis Area Requirements