

BA in Geography with Emphasis in Regional/Cultural

Degree Program Description

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Major Program Requirements

Students studying human geography are trained to understand and analyze the social and cultural elements which generate regional differences. Assessing population patterns, political activity, urban planning, and linguistic distributions are included in this area. Students are required to take three courses (normally nine hours) in the emphasis.

Two additional courses (six additional hours) are selected from a secondary emphasis area.

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

GEOG 3140	Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean	3
GEOG 3270	Geography of the Middle East	3
GEOG 3510	Historical Geography of North America	3
GEOG 3560	Native American Geographies	3
GEOG 3760	Geography of the World's Religions	3
GEOG 3780	World Political Geography: Patterns and Processes	3
GEOG 3800	Geography of Travel and Tourism	3
GEOG 4560	Resources and Indigenous Peoples	3
GEOG 4770	Migration and Immigration	3
GEOG 4850	Transportation Geography	3

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
ENGLISH 1000*		3 MATH 1100*	3
GEOG 1100*		4 Second language II ¹	4-6
GEOG 1100		3 GEOG 1200	3
Second language I ¹		4-6 Elective/minor course	3
Elective/Minor Course		1 Elective/Minor Course	2
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Second language III*		3 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
GEOG 1550		3 GEOG 1800	3
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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Biological/Physical Science Course ¹		3 Humanities/Fine Arts Course*	3
Social Science Course (2000+)		3 3000+ level Geog emphasis course	3
3000+ level Geog emphasis course		3 Social Science Course (2000+)*	3
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+)	
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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Humanities/Fine Arts Course*		3 GEOG 4990	3
3000+ level Geog emphasis course		3 (3000+ level Geog emphasis course) ¹	3
Elective/Minor Course (3000+)		3 Elective/Minor Course	3
Elective/Minor Course		3 Humanities/Fine Arts Course (2000+)*	3
GEOG 2610		3 Elective/Minor Course (3000+)	3
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Total Credits: 120-126

Requires 120 credits for graduation.

* Denotes General Education and A&S Foundation Requirements

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