

BA in Geography with Emphasis in Physical/Environmental

Degree Program Description

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Major Program Requirements

Physical and environmental geography emphasizes the complex interactions between the natural world and human behavior. Students learn to identify, delineate, and manage a range of environmental problems facing society from climate and vegetation change to river management. 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 to University (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/>), general education (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/>), and College of Arts and Science (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/#undergraduatetext>) requirements, students must also meet the following major program requirements. All major requirements in the College of Arts and Science must be completed with grades of C- or higher unless otherwise indicated.

GEOG 3600	Climates of the World	3
GEOG 3610	Physical Geography of the United States	3
GEOG 3630	Earth Surface Systems	3
GEOG 4620	Biogeography: Global Patterns of Life	3
GEOG 4810	Landscape Ecology and GIS Analysis I	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
GEOG 1100		3 GEOG 1200	3
ENGLSH 1000		3 GEOG 1800	3
GEOG 1100 (Physical Science with Lab)		4 Biological, Physical, and Mathematical Science	3
Humanities		3 Math and Quantitative Reasoning	3
SSC 1150		2 Missouri State Law Requirement, Social Science from Arts and Science	3
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Second Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
GEOG 1550		3 GEOG 3840 or 3040	3
GEOG 2610		3 Humanities from Arts and Science	3
Behavioral Science		3 Second Language Requirement	4
Second Language Requirement		4 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3	
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Third Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Geography, Physical/Environmental Emphasis, 3000-level		3 Geography, Physical/Environmental Emphasis, 3000-level	3
Humanities, 2000-level		3 Geography, secondary emphasis, 3000-level	3
Second Language Requirement		4 Behavioral Science, 2000-level	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Biological, Physical, and Mathematical Science	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Writing Intensive	3
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Fourth Year			
Fall	CR	Spring	CR
Geography, Physical/Environmental Emphasis Writing Intensive, 3000-level		3 GEOG 4990	3
Humanities		3 Geography, Secondary Emphasis, 3000-level	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
Second major, minor, certificate, or elective		3 Second major, minor, certificate, or elective	3
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Total Credits: 120			