Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, Geography Major

Global Studies is the interdisciplinary study of the interconnections among cultural, political, economic, and ecological dimensions of social life in an age of globalization.



The curriculum provides rigorous theoretical and methodological training in social science appropriate to the changing global workforce of the 21st century.

Geography focuses on understanding humanity's relations with the earth. One perspective addresses how humanity organizes the world spatially, from the level of the household to cities, countries, and the world. This includes questions of how we give meaning to places and how we create territory. Another approach addresses the two-way interactions between humanity and nature. This includes questions of nature's effects on human societies and of humanity's role in transforming the earth. Geographic technologies provide important tools for social science inquiry. These include computer-based geographic information sciences (GIS), remote sensing, and online, interactive mapping. People with geography majors often develop careers in fields like high-tech, real estate, public health, environmental management, education, disaster response, city and regional planning, community development, and many others.

Requirements

Lower Division Preparation

Students admitted to the university are directly admitted to their chosen major. Students are expected to make adequate progress based on critical indicators such as GPA in specific courses or credits earned. In cases where students are not making adequate progress, a change of major may be required. Advisors will redirect students to more appropriate majors when critical indicators are not actualized.

Minimum of 48 upper division credits (3000- or 4000- level) required

Major in Geography

Major Requirements: 30 hours

3 hours Introduction to Major

9 hours Program Core Courses

3 hours Theory

6 hours	Methods
6 hours	Disciplinary Upper Division Electives
3 hours	Other Upper Division Electives

Course Requirements

Intro to Major (3 credit hours)

IDS 3315 Gaining Global Perspectives – GL (3)

Core Courses (9 credit hours)

ANT 3212World Ethnographies – GL (3)GEO 3001Geography of Global Change – GL (3)SYP 3456Societies in the World – GL (3)

Theory (3 credit hours)

(one of the following)
GEO 3421 Cultural Geography (3)
GEO 3471 Political Geography (3)
GEO 3502 Economic Geography (3)

Methods (6 credit hours)

SYA 3300Research Methods (3)GIS 3048Applications of Geographic Information Systems (3)

Disciplinary Upper Division Electives (6 credit hours)

Two additional upper-division geography courses (GEA/GEO)

Other Upper Division Electives (3 credit hours)

One additional upper-division anthropology (ANT) course; or one additional upperdivision sociology course (SYA/SYD/SYG/SYO/SYP)