ABOUT THE MAJOR

Geography is the study of the interactions between people and places, local and global processes, and social and biophysical systems. It is an integrative discipline in which scholars endeavor to understand the role of humans in producing the social and biophysical worlds in which they live. Geographic knowledge can be applied to explain cultural and political conflicts, environmental policies and practices, human landscapes, and economic well-being. Modern geographical analysis typically involves cartographic and geospatial techniques (GIS) and both qualitative and quantitative methods.

ABOUT THIS MAP

This program map is intended ONLY as a guide for students to plan their course of study. It does NOT replace any information in the Undergraduate Catalog, which is the official guide for completing degree requirements. Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UWG, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

WHERE CAN YOU GO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- Cartographer
- Geographer
- Geopolitical Analyst
- Geospatial Analyst
- GIS Specialist
- Landscape Architect
- Park Ranger
- Surveyor
- Teacher
- Urban Planner

ADD A CERTIFICATE

- Atmospheric Science
- Geographic Information Systems
- Stream Restoration

GEOGRAPHY

GENERAL TRACK

Bachelor of Science

60

CORE CREDIT HOURS

51

MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

9

ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

VISIT WOLFWATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

HAVE A QUESTION? CHECK IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR!

HONORS COLLEGE

Consider joining if you have an Overall GPA of 3.2 and earned 15 college credit hours!

UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

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## YEAR 1

### TERM 1: FALL

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- **Take Geography core classes:** GEOG 1112 + L, GEOG 1113 + L, and MATH 1012.
- **Take IMPACTS composition and math courses, plus your choice of IMPACTS,** Civilization, Citizenship, and Social Science courses.
- **Meet with your Geography mentor.**

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- **Meet Geography faculty and learn about their research, and scholarship opportunities.**
- **Join a GIS and/or GTU lab.**
- **Connect with junior/senior geography students.**

### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

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- **Explore diversity, equity, and inclusion resources and opportunities across campus.**
- **Learn to pay attention to and respect differing viewpoints and experiences in class.**

### FIND YOUR PLACE

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- **Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.**
- **Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.**

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

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- **Visit the UM-Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!**
- **Visit Health Services.**
- **Get fit! Visit URec to see all your options.**
- **Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.**

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 16 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 31 CREDIT HOURS

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- **Complete a self-assessment to see what careers and majors are right for you.**
- **Visit Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.**
- **Create your profile on Handshake.**
- **Consider applying for an on-campus job.**

### PAVE YOUR PATH

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## YEAR 2

### TERM 1: FALL

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- **Complete Area F in sophomore year.**
- **Complete Geography core courses when they are offered:** GEOG 3463, 3800, 4593.
- **Establish your concentration and take required courses as they are offered.**
- **Complete Geography Core courses when they are offered.**

### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

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- **Get involved in research and pursue internship opportunities.**
- **Volunteer for a leadership position in GIS and/or GTU club.**
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- **Learn a new language.**
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- **Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.**
- **Consider whether counseling is right for you when you are mental health counseling.**

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- **Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.**
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- **Draft your personal statement.**
- **Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.**
TERM 1: FALL
GEOG 3643
Urban Geography
3 CREDIT HOURS
GEOG 4553
Geographic Information System
4 CREDIT HOURS
GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course
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TERM 2: SPRING
GEOG 3800
Biogeography
3 CREDIT HOURS
GEOG 4083
Faculty-Mentored Research
3 CREDIT HOURS
GEOG COURSE
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TERM 3
YEAR 3

TERM 1: FALL
GEOG 4084
Geography Capstone
3 CREDIT HOURS
GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course
3 CREDIT HOURS
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TERM 4
YEAR 4

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• Complete faculty mentored research GEOG 4083 in your junior year.
• Take Geography Core courses when they are offered: GEOG 3643, 3800, 4553.
• Establish your concentration and take required courses as they are offered.
• Finish Core IMPACTS.
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TERM 4
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• Take some electives that fall outside your area or study.
• Explore diversity and inclusion issues in your research and/or internship.
TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
• Explore a farmer’s market for fresh produce.
• Develop a post-graduation exercise plan.
• Explore your loan repayment options and complete your exit counseling.
PAVE YOUR PATH
• Request references from professors and supervisors.
• Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and review it with career services.
• Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
• Attend an interview workshop.
• Apply for graduate programs.

PAVE YOUR PATH
• Take capstone course, GEOG 4084
• Complete your research/internships.
• Present your research at geography’s research night.
• Finish your degree requirements.

PAVE YOUR PATH
• Become a Geography Ambassador.
• Expand your professional network.
• Apply for internships in local industries or apply to graduate programs.
• Attend career fairs. Send your resume to one of our alumni.

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