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

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YEAR 3

TERM 1: FALL

GEOG 3643
Urban Geography
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG 4553
Geographic Information System
4 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG 3405
Geographies of Sustainability
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course (Advisor Approval Needed)
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level course (Advisor Approval Needed)
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
Faculty-Mentored Research
GEOG 4083
Biogeography
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG 3800
Geographic Information System
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG 3405
Geographies of Sustainability
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course (Advisor Approval Needed)
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level course (Advisor Approval Needed)
3 CREDIT HOURS

TERM 2: SPRING

GEOG 3800
Biogeography
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG 4083
Faculty-Mentored Research
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course (Advisor Approval Needed)
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level Elective course
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

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

TERM 1: FALL

GEOG 4084
Geography Capstone
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course (Advisor Approval Needed)
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG 4700
Global Environmental Change
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

TERM 2: SPRING

GEOG 4086
Internship
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level Elective course
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

15 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 30 CREDIT HOURS

TERM 4

SOMETHING TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

• Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
• Learn about how to network on social media and update your Handshake profile.
• Draft your personal statement.
• Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

SOMETHING TO PAVE YOUR PATH

• Complete Core Area F in sophomore year.
• Complete GEOG 3643 in sophomore year.
• 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 A-D.

SOMETHING TO MAKE YOUR PLACE

• Get involved in research and pursue internship opportunities.
• Volunteer for a leadership position in GIS and/or GTU club.
• Become an active participant and volunteer in the classroom, lab, and field trips.
• Attend a scientific conference.
• Get involved in other clubs related to your professional interests.

SOMETHING TO Widen Your PERSPECTIVES

• Take part in an help organize an implicit bias workshop.
• Dig deeper into study abroad opportunities.
• Learn a new language.
• Take part in cultural offerings on campus.

SOMETHING TO ENHANCE Your OFF-CAMPUS Experience

• 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 A-D.

SOMETHING TO EXPAND Your Network

• Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
• Explore diversity and inclusion issues in your study.
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SOMETHING TO FEED Your CREATIVITY

• 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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SOMETHING TO FEED Your Senses

• Explore a farmer’s market for fresh produce.
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SOMETHING TO FOCUS Your Study

• 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.