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

60
CORE CREDIT HOURS

51
MAJOR CREDIT HOURS

9
ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS

ADD A CERTIFICATE
• Atmospheric Science
• Geographic Information Systems
• Stream Restoration

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### YEAR 1

#### TERM 1: FALL

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### YEAR 2

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### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Take Geography core classes: GEOG 1112 + L, GEOG 1113 + L, and GEOG 1013.
- Take A1 and A2 core course plus your choice of core area E and F.
- Meet with your Geography mentor.

### FIND YOUR PLACE

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

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

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

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Visit Wolves Vote to learn about the voting process and registration.
- Consider volunteering for a campaign or organization in your community.
- Visit the UWG Wellness Hub to find all the resources available to you!
- Visit Health Services.
- Get fit! Visit UFit to see all your options.
- Visit the Center for Economic Education and Financial Literacy.

### 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.

- **Total Credit Hours**: 31

### PAVE YOUR PATH

**TERM 1: FALL**

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

**TERM 2: SPRING**

- 16 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 12 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 28 CREDIT HOURS

### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

- Complete Core Area F in sophomore year.
- Complete GEOG 3463 in sophomore year.
- Complete faculty mentor research GEOG 4603 in your junior year.
- Take Geography Core courses when they are offered: GEOG 3463, 3800, 4603.

### FIND 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.

### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

- Take part in or help organize an implicit bias workshop.
- Dig deeper into study abroad opportunities.
- Learn a new language.

### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

- Do volunteer work in your field.
- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.
- Attend career fairs and events.
- Attend UWG sponsored events off-campus.

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

- Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.

### PAVE YOUR PATH

- 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.
YEAR 3

TERM 1: FALL

GEOG 3643
Urban Geography
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG 4553
Geographic Information System
4 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
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
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 4

TERM 1: FALL

GEOG 4084
Geography Capstone
3 CREDIT HOURS

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level Elective course
3 CREDIT HOURS

MAJOR ELECTIVE
3 CREDIT HOURS

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TERM 2: SPRING

GEOG COURSE
3000/4000 level course
3 CREDIT HOURS

ELECTIVE
3000/4000 level Elective course
3 CREDIT HOURS

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

CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK

• Complete Core Area F in sophomore year.
• Complete GEOG 2083 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.

FIND 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.

BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES

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

CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS

• Do volunteer work in your field.
• Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.
• Attend career fairs and events.
• Attend UWG sponsored events off-campus.

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.

PAVE YOUR PATH

• Take a fitness class, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
• Consider whether counseling is right for you: take a mental health screening.

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.