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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**TERM 1: FALL**

**A1:** ENGL 1101  
English Composition I  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**A2:** MATH 1113  
Precalculus  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**B2:** XIDS 2002  
Recommended First-Year Seminar  
2 CREDIT HOURS

**D1:** GEOG 1112 + LAB  
Weather and Climate  
4 CREDIT HOURS

**E1:** HIST 2111 OR 2112  
US History  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** ENGL 1102  
English Composition II  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** GEOG 1013  
World Geography  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** POLS 1101  
American Government  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** MATH 1401  
Elementary Statistics  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**FACTOR: YEAR 1**

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**A1:** ENGL 1102  
English Composition II  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**E3:** POLS 1101  
American Government  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** GEOG 1013  
World Geography  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**D1:** GEOG 1113 + LAB  
Landform Geography  
4 CREDIT HOURS

**E2:** HIST 1111 OR 1112  
World History  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** GEOG 2083  
Intro to Geographical Analysis  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** GEOG 1113 + LAB  
Weather and Climate  
4 CREDIT HOURS

**FACTOR: YEAR 2**

**TERM 1: FALL**

**F:** MATH 1401  
Elementary Statistics  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** GEOG 2553  
Intro to GIS and Mapping Sciences  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**F:** GEOG 2202 + LAB  
Environmental Science  
4 CREDIT HOURS

**B1:** ORAL COMMUNICATION  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**C1:** FINE ARTS  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**FACTOR: YEAR 2**

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**F:** GEOG 2083  
Intro to Geographical Analysis  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**E4:** SOCIAL SCIENCE  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**C2:** HUMANITIES  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**D2:** MATH, SCIENCE, & TECHNOLOGY  
3 CREDIT HOURS

**FACTOR: YEAR 2**

**TERM 2: SPRING**

**FACTOR: YEAR 2**

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

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

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**PAVE YOUR PATH**

**CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK**

- Take Geography core courses: GEOG 1112 + L, GEOG 1113 + L, and GEOG 1013.
- Take A1 and A2 core courses 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 GIS 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.

**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.

**TAKE YOUR COURSEWORK**

- 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.

**CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK**

- Get involved in research and pursue internship opportunities.
- Volunteer for a leadership position in GIS and/or GTU club.
- Attend a scientific conference.
- Attend Office of Career and Graduate School Connections.

**BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES**

- Do volunteer work in your field.
- Find an intern or job as a contractor.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

**CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS**

- Ask your department about networking opportunities with alumni.
- Attend a scientific conference.
- 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.

**TAKE YOUR COURSEWORK**

- 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.
- Apply for your 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

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  - 3000/4000 level course
  - 3 Credit Hours

- **MAJOR ELECTIVE**
  - 3 Credit Hours

**16 FALL CREDIT HOURS + 15 SPRING CREDIT HOURS = 31 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 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 for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Attend career shadowing opportunities.

#### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
- Take fitness classes, climb the rock wall, or join an intramural team.
- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.

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

### YEAR 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

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

#### CRUSH YOUR COURSEWORK
- Take capstone course, GEOG 4084.
- Complete your research/internships.
- Present your research at geography’s research night.
- Finish your degree requirements.

#### FIND YOUR PLACE
- Become a Geography Ambassador.
- Expand your professional network.
- Attend a scientific conference.
- Attend career fairs. Send your resume to one of our alumni.

#### BROADEN YOUR PERSPECTIVES
- Do a study abroad.
- Take some electives that fall outside your area or study.
- Explore diversity and inclusion issues in your research and/or internship.

#### CONNECT OFF-CAMPUS
- Ask for advice from professionals in your field of interest.
- Explore career shadowing opportunities.

#### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF
- Explore a farmer’s market for fresh produce.
- Draft your resume cover letter and personal statement and revise it with career services.
- Attend a scientific conference.
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#### PAVE YOUR PATH
- Request references from professors and supervisors.
- Draft your resume and attend a resume blitz.
- Visit the graduate school to find out about graduate programs and admission requirements.
- Attend business fairs and career fairs at UWG and across the state.
- Attend an interview workshop.
- Apply for graduate programs.