

GEOGRAPHY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Beginning Fall 2016

46 credits

Geography Major Requirements

The Geography major requires a minimum of 46 credits in Geography (or specifically noted Environmental Studies, Conflict Resolution, or Asian Studies) courses. The major requires 3 Introductory Core courses (12 credits) and 2 Advanced Core courses (8 credits) to provide the foundational knowledge of the discipline. 3 Breadth Courses (12 credits) from across human geography, biophysical geography and GIScience are required, and 3 elective courses are required in a chosen Geography Concentration (12 credits). All students are required to take at least 1 course (2 credits) from the Launchpad. At least 9 Geography courses must be taken for a letter grade. A grade of C- or better is required for any course applied towards the major, and a GPA of 2.25 or better is required in courses used for the major.

Questions may be directed to the Undergraduate Advisor, Dr. Leslie McLees, at geogadvr@uoregon.edu.

1. Fundamentals

Everyone needs the fundamentals. These introductory and advanced (both required) courses will stretch your horizon, sharpen your critical thinking skills, synthesize core principles, ignite a passion for learning, and might even surprise you. Let the discoveries begin.

1a. Introductory Core (3 courses, 12 credits)

Course #	Title	Term
GEOG 141	The Natural Environment	_____
GEOG 142	Introduction to Human Geography	_____
GEOG 181	Our Digital Earth	_____

1.b Advanced Core (2courses, 8 credits)

Course #	Title	Term
GEOG 391 (required)	Social Science Research and Inquiry	_____
<i>1 of the following:</i>		
GEOG 201-214	Regional Course _____	_____
GEOG 281	The World of Big Data	_____

2. Breadth (3 courses, 12 upper division credits)

*With roots in exploration and travel, Geographers traverse a wide range of topics and specialties. Here, students will gain the necessary breadth to put all the pieces together. Choose one course from each of the following.**

Course area	Course number and title	Term
GIScience	_____	_____
Biophysical Geography	_____	_____
Human Geography	_____	_____

3. Concentration (3 courses, 12 upper division credits)

*With this requirement, students gain greater depth of knowledge and skills. The concentration helps translate Geography for careers. Choose one of the following tracks and take three courses:**

- Culture, Politics & Place (BA)* *Environment, Economy & Sustainability (BA or BS)* *Geographic Education (BA or BS)*
- Water Science & Policy (BA or BS)* *Geographic Information Science (BS)* *Environmental Systems (BS)*

Concentration Course	Course number and title	Term
Course 1	_____	_____
Course 2	_____	_____
Course 3	_____	_____

*Please see the Geography Class List found online at (XXX) or in the Geography Department office (Condon 107) for courses that fulfill breadth and concentration requirements.

4. The Launchpad (1 course, 2 credits)

What can Geography do for you, beyond the classroom? Here, students will gain tangible skills in research, professional development, leadership, and applying geographical concepts and skills beyond college. Chose one of the following:

Launchpad Course	Term
GEOG 401 Research Experience	_____
GEOG 403 Thesis	_____
GEOG 406 Field Studies	_____
GEOG 409 Practicum/ Internship	_____
GEOG 419 Why Geography Matters	_____

Notes (next steps, potential courses and/or schedule, courses needed): _____
