

PROGRAM SUMMARY

- **Credit Hours:** 120 hours
- **Concentrations:** No
- **Declaring the Major:** Minimum GPA of 2.0 preferred. Major can be declared on a rolling basis throughout the year. Students may declare the major at any time before graduation.
- **Advising (For the Major):** Each major is assigned an advisor from within the department. Majors will meet with this advisor before each subsequent semester to define the most advantageous course schedule for the student. An advising hold will be in place until the student completes their advising meeting, at which time it will be removed for registration.
- **Advising (For General Education):** General Education course advising can be done within the department by your major advisor.
- **Minimum Grades/GPA:** minimum GPA is 2.0
- **Teacher Licensure:** Yes. Comprehensive Social Studies Licensure is available with the BA in Geography, along with cognate coursework in history and political science. Licensure applications are the responsibility of the student and the Office of Student Academic Services in the College of Education.
- **Evening Classes Available:** Yes. Elective courses are available in evening, but the major cannot be completed at night.
- **Weekend Classes Available:** No
- **Other Information:** Internships available; Gamma Theta Upsilon (an international geography honor society), Geography Club, Student Chapter of American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS).
- **Contact(s):** Ms. Jamie Strickland, undergraduate coordinator for GEOG

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Geography curriculum is oriented toward the methodologies of social science in which the importance of location is stressed. Traditional regional studies and conceptual courses that deal with land use patterns, transportation systems, site location, the distribution of retail activities, city planning, and urban systems are augmented by technique-oriented courses such as map design and compilation, computer mapping, analysis of satellite images, statistical methods, and geographic information systems (GIS). These courses prepare students in both the concepts and methods of contemporary spatial analysis. Ideally, students will take a progression of courses beginning with GEOG 1101 and GEOG 1105, the foundational courses. Students have flexibility in designing their program of study and *should consult with an advisor* to consider the most efficient options.

Areas	Credit Hours	Description
Pre-Major/Prerequisites	-	
Major	40	Required courses in Geography (GEOG) and Earth Science (ESCI).
General Education <i>(not satisfied by other major requirements)</i>	30	Hours do not include those requirements which are satisfied within the major. BA GEOG majors may use GEOG 1105 to satisfy Social Science requirement of General Education and ESCI 1101 to satisfy the Science with lab requirement of General Education. Transfer students with an associate's degree are exempt from most General Education, but must complete Writing Intensive requirement.
Related Work	19	May be satisfied by a second major, a minor, or a set of coordinated courses developed through consultation with an advisor.
Foreign Language	0-8	Foreign language: Proficiency at the introductory level (1202) by coursework, placement test, or high school coursework.
Electives	23-31	As needed to complete 120 hours total.
Total Credit Hours	120	

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY – B.A. IN GEOGRAPHY

Freshman Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
GEOG 1101	World Regional Geography	3			
GEOG 1105	Location of Human Activity	3	X		Fulfills General Edu. Social Sci. Requirement
ESCI 1101+L	Earth Science-Geography plus Laboratory	4	X		Fulfills General Edu. Natural Sci. Requirement
LBST 110X	Arts and Society	3	X		
UWRT 1103	Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts (or UWRT 1104)	3	X		
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
GEOG 1103	Spatial Thinking	4	X		
XXXX XXXX	Science without lab	3	X		
LBST 2101	Western Cultural and Historical Awareness (or LBST 2102 or 221X)	3	X		
LBST 221X	Ethical and Cultural Critique (or LBST 2101 or 2102)	3	X		
MATH 110X	Mathematics course	3	X		
					32 Credit Hours for Year

Sophomore Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
GEOG 1110	Introduction to Urban & Regional Planning	3			
GEOG 2110	Introduction to Geographic Research	3			
LBST 2301	Critical Thinking and Communication	3	X		
MATH/STAT	MATH/STAT above 1103	3	X		
XXXX 1201	FORL 1201 Foreign Language (or proficiency)	4			CLAS requirement
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
XXXX XXXX	Writing Intensive Course	3	X	W	
GEOG XXXX	GEOG elective	3			
XXXX XXXX	Elective	3			
XXXX 1202	FORL 1202 Foreign Language (or proficiency)	4			CLAS requirement
					29 Credit Hours for Year

Junior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
GEOG XXXX	GEOG elective	3			
GEOG 4XXX	GEOG elective at 4000-level	3			
XXXX XXXX	General electives or minor coursework	9			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
GEOG 2165	Patterns of World Urbanization	3	X	O	
GEOG XXXX	GEOG electives W requirement	3	X	W	
XXXX XXXX	General electives or minor coursework	9			
					30 Credit Hours for Year

Senior Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
GEOG XXXX	GEOG electives	6			
XXXX XXXX	General electives or minor coursework	10			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
GEOG 4600	Professional Development Seminar	1			
XXXX XXXX	General electives or minor coursework	12			
					29 Credit Hours for Year

ADVISING RESOURCES

- General Education Requirements for ALL Students: ucol.uncc.edu/general-education
- Undergraduate Catalog: catalog.uncc.edu
- Central Advising website: advising.uncc.edu
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences advising website: clas.uncc.edu/students/Advising-News/
- University Advising Center website: advisingcenter.uncc.edu