

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

There are three major streams within the Geography curriculum: (1) Physical and Human Dimensions of Global Change, (2) Critical Urban and Identity Studies, and (3) International Development. The following courses within the curriculum correspond to the streams:

Physical and Human Dimensions of Global Change:

GEOG 3: The Natural Environment

GEOG 4: Landscape and Environments of New England

GEOG 5: Global Climate Change

GEOG 12: Wilderness, Culture, and Environmental Conservation

GEOG 13: Population, Culture and the Environment

GEOG 14: Global Water Resources

GEOG 18: Urbanization and the Environment

GEOG 19: Gender, Space, and the Environment

GEOG 31: Plant and Animal Geography

GEOG 33: Earth Surface Processes and Landforms

GEOG 40: Africa: Ecology and Development

GEOG 41: Gender, Space and Islam

GEOG 43: Latin America

GEOG 44: Environment and Politics in Southeast Asia

GEOG 47: The Czech Republic in the New Europe

GEOG 81: Field Research in the Czech Republic

GEOG 82: Independent Study in the Czech Republic

The major in Geography consists of seven courses in addition to the prerequisite courses.

Prerequisite: Geography 1 or 3; and any two techniques courses from the following: Geography 10 (or its equivalent), 11, 52, 55, 58 or 59.

Required courses:

1. Geography 90; this serves as the culminating activity in the geography major.

2. One course from each of the following three themes: Nature-Society, Human-Social Geography, and Physical Geography.

Courses consisting of Nature-Society Geography include:

6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 40, 44, 48

Courses consisting of Human-Social Geography include:

2, 9, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 41, 43, 45, 47, 81, 82

Courses consisting of Physical Geography include:

4, 5, 31, 32, 33

3. Three additional courses.

NOTE: The Chair of the department is responsible for signing major cards and all major advising.

Critical Urban and Identity Studies:

GEOG 21: The North American City

GEOG 22: Urban Geography

GEOG 23: Power, Territoriality, and Political Geography

GEOG 24: American Landscapes and Culture

GEOG 25: Social Justice and the City

GEOG 27: Race, Identity and Rights: Geographic Perspectives on Law

GEOG 28: Immigration, Race, and Identity

GEOG 52: Urban Applications of GIS

International Development:

GEOG 6: Geographies of Development

GEOG 15: Food and Power

GEOG 16: Political Economy of Development

GEOG 17: Geopolitics of Third World Development

GEOG 26: Women, Gender and Development

THE MODIFIED MAJOR

Because of its interdisciplinary nature, Geography lends itself to a wide combination of modified majors, such as Geography/Environmental Studies or Geography/Economics. Students contemplating careers in urban and regional planning, government service, medicine, law, business, or teaching should consult with the Chair in arranging modified major programs designed to best meet their professional objectives. Normally, the modified major program in Geography will include the following:

Prerequisite: Geography 1 or 3; and any two technique courses from the following: Geography 10 (or its equivalent), 11, 52, 55, 58 or 59.

Geography 90 and one course each consisting of nature-society, human-social and physical (see above).

One other geography course.

Four courses beyond the other department's prerequisites, chosen in consultation with the Geography Chair.

THE GEOGRAPHY MINOR

Prerequisite: Geography 1 or Geography 3; and any one techniques courses from Geography 10 (or its equivalent), 11, 52, 55, 58 or 59; plus five additional courses. (Note: for those using the Geography FSP towards the minor, only two courses, Geography 47 and Geography 81, can be used.)

GEOGRAPHY HONORS PROGRAM

Upon application to and approval by the Department, qualified majors (pages XXX) will be accepted as members of a special honors group. Requests for admission to the honors group will normally be considered at the close of the fall term of the senior year. No application for participation in the Honors Program will be accepted from students with less than two full terms remaining before their expected graduation. The Honors Program in Geography will consist of the regular major program with the following modifications:

1. An Honors thesis (Geography 87) will be submitted.
2. There will be an oral examination on the research.
3. A special reading program related to the field of investigation covered by the research will be required.
4. Honors students will be required to present their research ideas in at least one formal meeting to be determined by the Chair.

PREPARATION FOR GRADUATE STUDY

The Department encourages able students to continue work in the field of geography. To this end the Department will give special assistance in planning a program and in helping with the arrangements for graduate study to those students wishing to go on to graduate work. Interested students should consult with a member of the staff.