

GEOGRAPHY - UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

Overview

The Department of Geography and Environmental Studies offers an Undergraduate Minor in Geography. This minor is available to all undergraduate students, except Geography majors, and provides a valuable concentration for those seeking jobs that require an understanding of the complex interactions between humans and the environment.

Graduates find career opportunities in diverse fields such as environmental consulting, policy, education, outreach, and advocacy; conservation and natural resource management; renewable energy and environmental health; and sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Undergraduate Minor in Geography, students will be able to:

1. Apply geographic concepts and methods to critically evaluate human and/or environmental problems.
2. Articulate potential ethical solutions to human and/or environmental problems using critical thinking.
3. Communicate effectively in verbal, written, and/or visual formats with diverse audiences,

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Course and Credit Requirements

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Prefix	Title	Credits
Departmental Requirements		
GEOG 1110G	Physical Geography	4
GEOG 1120G	World Regional Geography	3
or GEOG 1130G	Human Geography	
Select 3-4 credits from the following:		3-4
GEOG 2130	Map Use and Analysis	
GEOG 373	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
GEOG 381	Cartography and GIS	

GEOG 481	Fundamentals of GIS	
Select 9-10 credits from the following, choosing courses from at least two of these three areas: Physical Geography, Human Geography, and Environmental Studies.		9-10
Physical Geography		
GEOG 351	Biogeography	
GEOG 353	Geomorphology	
GEOG 357	Weather & Climate: Earth's Dynamic Atmosphere Explored	
GEOG 452	Landscape Ecology	
Human Geography		
GEOG 361V	Challenges of Globalization	
GEOG 363V	Cultural Geography	
GEOG 365V	The City	
Environmental Studies		
GEOG 325V	New Mexico and the American West	
GEOG 326	U.S. National Parks	
GEOG 328V	Environment and Society of Latin America	
GEOG 331V	Europe	
GEOG 435	Planning a Sustainable World	
GEOG 455	Southwest Environments	
GEOG 483	Field Explorations in Geography	

Total Credits 19-21