Geography

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The InfoGraphics Lab is a mapping and geospatial technologies facility located in the Department of Geography (http://geography.uoregon.edu). The laboratory works on a variety of supported projects with faculty members, researchers, and government agencies. The application of cartographic design and geographic information science is its focus. It supports research, instruction, and public service activities at the university. Graduate and undergraduate students may be employed on lab projects.

Faculty


Christopher Bone, assistant professor (geographic information system science, spatial analysis and modeling). BA, 2003, Toronto; MS, 2005, PhD, 2009, Simon Fraser. (2011)


James E. Meacham, senior research associate (geographic information systems, cartography, atlas design and production); executive director, InfoGraphics Lab. BS, 1984, MA, 1992, Oregon. (1992)


Alexander B. Murphy, James F. and Shirley K. Rippey Chair in Liberal Arts and Sciences; professor (political and cultural geography, Europe, law and geography). BA, 1977, Yale; JD, 1981, Columbia; PhD, 1987, Chicago. (1987)


Alethea Y. Steingisser, research assistant (cartography and graphic design, geographic information systems); cartographic project manager, InfoGraphics Lab. BS, 2002, California State, Northridge; MS, 2006, Oregon. (2006)

Xiaobo Su, associate professor (cultural politics, tourism and urban conservation, China). BArch, 2000, Southeast University (Nanjing); MSc, 2003, Sun Yat-sen University; PhD, 2007, National University of Singapore. (2007)


Emeriti

Stanton A. Cook, professor emeritus. AB, 1951, Harvard; PhD, 1960, California, Berkeley. (1960)

Carl L. Johannessen, professor emeritus. BA, 1950, MA, 1953, PhD, 1959, California, Berkeley. (1959)

Clyde P. Patton, professor emeritus. AB, 1948, MA, 1950, PhD, 1953, California, Berkeley. (1958)

Alvin W. Urquhart, professor emeritus. AB, 1953, MA, 1958, PhD, 1962, California, Berkeley. (1960)

Geography

The date in parentheses at the end of each entry is the first year on the University of Oregon faculty.

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Science
- Minor

Undergraduate Studies

Undergraduate students in the Department of Geography develop an awareness of the natural and cultural landscapes of several regions of the world and investigate the processes that form them. Lower-division courses are open to any student at the university. For students transferring to the university in their third year, preparation in introductory college geography courses is desirable.

An undergraduate major in geography follows a broadly based general degree program. Both bachelor of arts (BA) and bachelor of science (BS) degrees are offered in the department. To achieve depth in a particular subfield of geography, electives are chosen from one of six tracks:

1. environment, economy, and sustainability
2. geographic education
3. water science and policy
4. culture, politics, and place
5. environmental systems
6. geographic information system science

Although a degree in geography is a liberal arts degree, many graduates have found related vocational opportunities in government or private employment, principally in planning, environmental research, cartography, or geographic information system science.

Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

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Fundamentals: Advanced Core

GEOG 391 Social Science Inquiry and Research 4

Select one of the following:

1. World Regional Geography
2. Geography of Europe
3. Geography of Russia and Neighbors
4. Geography of Pacific Asia
5. Geography of the United States and Canada
6. Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
7. Geography of Latin America
8. The World and Big Data
9. North American Historical Landscapes
10. Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic]

Breadth Requirements: Geographic Information System Science

Select one of the following:

GEOG 481 GIScience I
GEOG 482 GIScience II
GEOG 485 Remote Sensing I
GEOG 486 Remote Sensing II
GEOG 490 GIScience: [Topic]
GEOG 491 Advanced Geographic Information Systems
GEOG 493 Advanced Cartography
GEOG 494 Spatial Analysis
GEOG 495 Geographic Data Analysis
GEOG 496 Location-Aware Systems
GEOG 497 Qualitative Methods in Geography
GEOG 498 Geospatial Project Design

Breadth Requirements: Biophysical Geography

Select one of the following:

GEOG 321 Climatology
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GEOG 323 Biogeography
GEOG 360 Watershed Science and Policy
GEOG 361 Global Environmental Change
GEOG 421 Advanced Climatology: [Topic]
GEOG 423 Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]
GEOG 425 Hydrology and Water Resources
GEOG 427 Fluvial Geomorphology
GEOG 430 Long-Term Environmental Change
GEOG 432 Climatological Aspects of Global Change
GEOG 433 Fire and Natural Disturbances

Breadth Requirements: Human Geography

Select one of the following:

GEOG 341 Population and Environment
GEOG 342 Geography of Globalization
GEOG 343 Society, Culture, and Place
ASIA 425 Asian Foodways
GEOG 441 Political Geography
GEOG 442 Urban Geography
GEOG 443 Global Migration
GEOG 444 Cultural Geography
GEOG 445 Culture, Ethnicity, and Nationalism
GEOG 448 Tourism and Development
ENVS 450 Political Ecology
ENVS 455 Sustainability
GEOG 461 Environmental Alteration
GEOG 463 Geography, Law, and the Environment
GEOG 465 Environment and Development
GEOG 466 Gender and Environment
GEOG 467 International Water Policy
GEOG 468 Contemporary Food Systems
GEOG 471 North American Historical Landscapes
GEOG 475 Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic]
ASIA 480 Chinese Economy: Transition, Development, Globalization

Electives
Three courses from one specialization (see specialization lists) 2

Additional Requirements 2

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1 If taught by Peter Walker or Dan Buck.
2 Seminar: [Topic] (GEOG 407), Experimental Course: [Topic] (GEOG 410), and other upper-division courses approved by an advisor may be used to satisfy the elective requirement.

Environment, Economy, and Sustainability

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Upper-division courses in geography (GEOG) 1

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At least eight geography courses must be taken for a letter grade. A grade of C– or better or P (pass) is required in each course, and a GPA of 2.25 or better is required in courses used to satisfy major requirements.

Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements

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Fundamentals: Introductory Core

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GEOG 202 Geography of Europe
GEOG 204 Geography of Russia and Neighbors
GEOG 205 Geography of Pacific Asia
GEOG 208 Geography of the United States and Canada
GEOG 209 Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
GEOG 214 Geography of Latin America
GEOG 281 The World and Big Data
GEOG 471 North American Historical Landscapes
GEOG 475 Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic]

Breadth Requirements: Geographic Information System Science
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Breadth Requirements: Biophysical Geography
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GEOG 427 Fluvial Geomorphology
GEOG 430 Long-Term Environmental Change
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GEOG 433 Fire and Natural Disturbances

Breadth Requirements: Human Geography
Select one of the following:
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GEOG 468 Contemporary Food Systems
ASIA 480 Chinese Economy: Transition, Development, Globalization ¹

Electives
Three courses from one specialization (see specialization lists) ² 12

Additional Requirements
GEOG 401 Research: [Topic]
GEOG 403 Thesis
GEOG 406 Field Studies: [Topic]
GEOG 409 Practicum: [Topic]

Total Credits 46

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Environment, Economy, and Sustainability

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Upper-division courses in geography (GEOG) 4

With approval of advisor.

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Geography majors seeking a BS degree must complete a mathematics sequence that satisfies the university’s mathematics requirement for a BS degree. Mathematics courses must be passed with a grade of at least C– or P. The optimal courses for the university’s mathematics requirement depend on one’s track and focus; consult with an advisor.

Students considering graduate school should complete both the mathematics and language requirements.

Honors Programs

The Department of Geography offers an honors option for its majors. More information is available in the department office.

Minor Requirements

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Upper-division GIScience course 4
Upper-division biophysical geography course 4
Upper-division human geography course 4
Three geography courses 12
Total Credits 24

At least 16 credits must be taken for a letter grade; grades of C– or better or P must be earned in all geography courses applied to the minor.

Second Majors

Geography majors may also complete a second major in any field of the student’s choice. Two of the most common are environmental studies or environmental science—an excellent combination with geography because they offer grounding in the physical and human systems within which environmental issues are situated in a larger global context. For details about adding a second major, visit the department’s website.

Internships in Geography

Internships are unpaid off-campus work experiences. Students receive one credit for each three hours of participation as an intern; internships may be extended to a second term with prior departmental approval. Interns apply geographic concepts in the service of government, private industry, or nongovernmental organizations. Internships are initiated by students or may come at the suggestion of a faculty member or the request of an employer. Past interns have worked in the Eugene Planning and Development Department, the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service, Lane County Soil Conservation District, and many other organizations and agencies.

• Master of Arts
• Master of Science
• Doctor of Philosophy

Graduate Studies

Graduate work leading to the master of arts (MA), master of science (MS), and doctor of philosophy (PhD) degrees is offered.

The department’s graduate programs emphasize the natural environment; the interactions of environment and society; culture, politics, and space; geographic information system science; and geographic education. The master’s and PhD programs closely follow the research
interests of the geography faculty. Students follow an individualized program that includes courses and seminars in related disciplines.

Although the department requires knowledge of the fundamentals of geography, it welcomes students whose undergraduate work has been in other disciplines and who can apply their training to geographic problems.

**Admission**

The Department of Geography only accepts applications for admission fall term. Application materials should arrive by January 15 to be considered the following fall term. The department notifies applicants of the admission decision around April 1. Graduate teaching fellowships typically are awarded once a year, in April.

The department’s website has online application materials and information about the application process.

Applicants must submit scores from the Graduate Record Examinations general test. There is no minimum requirement for GRE scores.

International students whose native language is not English must submit results from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examination from within five years of the application date. The Department of Geography requires a minimum score of 575 (paper-based) or 88 (Internet-based) for the TOEFL. The minimum overall band score on the academic module of the IELTS is 7.0. For more information about the TOEFL and IELTS examination, visit their respective websites.

For more information about the geography department graduate application process, visit geography.uoregon.edu/graduate/admissions.

**General Requirements**

In both the master’s and the doctoral programs, students are expected to develop a broad background in the discipline of geography, in-depth knowledge in an area of emphasis, and the ability to conduct and report independent research, including the use of appropriate geographic techniques. The area of emphasis may combine more than one traditional subfield of geography. The PhD requires development of more in-depth knowledge in the area of emphasis and a substantial independent research project resulting in a dissertation.

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• Hydrology and water resources  
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• Long-term environmental change  
• Climatological aspects of global change  
• Fire and natural disturbances |
| Environment and Society | • Environmental alteration  
• Geography, law, and the environment  
• Environment and development  
• Gender and environment  
• International water policy  
• North American historical landscapes  
• Political ecology |
| Culture, Politics, and Place | • Political geography  
• Urban geography  
• Global migration  
• Cultural geography  
• Tourism and development |
| Geographic Information System Science | • Geographic information system science  
• Remote sensing  
• Advanced geographic information systems  
• Advanced cartography  
• Geographic data analysis |
| Geographic Education | • Research in geographic education  
• Preparing to teach Advanced Placement human geography  
• Geospatial technology for educators  
• Geography education assessment |

The department also offers course work and faculty expertise in the American West, Europe (both West and East), the Middle East, Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

**Master’s Degree Program**

The master’s degree in geography (MA or MS) emphasizes broad understanding of physical and human geography and basic geographic techniques. Students develop specialized research skills during work on the thesis.

The master of arts degree requires second-year university-level proficiency in a second language. Competency may be demonstrated by a standardized test or with adequate undergraduate course work. Competency in a foreign language or a computer language may be used to meet the departmental language requirement for the master of science degree.

The master's degree option in geographic education is designed for teachers who have K–12 teaching licensure or are working toward their initial or continuing licensure. Most graduate students who take the geographic education option also have several years of teaching experience.

A committee of two geography faculty members supervises the research and writing of a master’s thesis that shows evidence of original research and writing.
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**Breadth Requirement**

Five upper-division courses, with at least one and no more than two in each area of emphasis (physical geography, human geography, GIS science)

**Total Credits:** 38-52

1. Core courses or their equivalents must be completed either during the program or prior to entering.
2. Must take course for 1 credit every winter and spring term the student is in residence.
3. Must be taken during the first year the graduate student is in residence.

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Master of Science in Geography

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**Total Credits:** 11-19

1. At least 3 credits must be taken during the term the degree is granted. Every master's thesis must be presented at a public lecture.

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Doctoral Degree Program

The PhD program requires competent understanding of one of the systematic fields of geography and a broad understanding of geographic topics that enables the student to address and synthesize problems that cross the various fields of geography. While this program is designed to suit each individual's background and interests, prospective candidates should pay attention to the systematic specialization and regional interests of the department's faculty members before applying for admission.

The candidate may use Research: [Topic] (GEOG 601) and Reading and Conference: [Topic] (GEOG 605) to follow specific interests with individual members of the faculty. The PhD program, planned with faculty committee approval, is measured by achievement of the stated goals rather than by any specific number of credits.

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1. At least 3 credits must be taken during the term the degree is granted. Every doctoral dissertation must be presented at a public lecture.

In addition, PhD students must complete a foreign language, programming, or skills requirement that entails completion of the foreign...
language or programming requirement for the master's degree in addition to one of the following:

1. Advanced knowledge of the foreign language used for the master’s requirement as demonstrated by successful completion of a third-year, university-level course sequence in that language that deals with composition and conversation, or passing an approved test of third-year language skills (such as the New York University School of Professional Studies Foreign Language Proficiency Exam)

2. proficiency in a second foreign language at the level required for the master’s degree

3. computer programming skills at the level required for the master’s degree

4. completion of a research skills package typically consisting of four to five courses that cover a body of related methods and techniques useful in geographic research

PhD students must also complete a preparation in fields of specialization requirement that entails completion of courses and seminars recommended by the advisor or committee members.

After completing the appropriate course work, graduate seminars, and language or technical skills requirement, advancement to candidacy is achieved by passing a comprehensive written examination. The comprehensive exam is an opportunity to demonstrate that the student

- can articulate core areas of expertise and situate the student’s overall research agenda in relation to these areas of expertise
- understands and can defend major theoretical and methodological issues in these core research and teaching areas
- has a sense of where those theories and methods stand in relation to major themes in contemporary and interdisciplinary scholarship

PhD students develop their own questions. These questions should focus on the three areas of expertise as identified in consultation between the student and advisor. At least three questions should be developed for each of the three areas. The committee may ask for more than three. At this point, the committee selects four examination questions. The committee may constrain, expand, or otherwise edit any of the student-written questions. The student has two weeks to write the responses (four to five pages to each question). Approximately one to three weeks after turning in the written responses, the student defends the responses orally. Please see the geography department's Graduate Program Handbook for additional details.

Within nine months of completing the comprehensive examination, the student must present a dissertation proposal for approval by the student’s dissertation committee. The completed dissertation, the capstone of graduate study, is achieved by passing a comprehensive written examination. The dissertation proposal should

- be a significant contribution to knowledge
- demonstrate mastery of methods and theory
- be presented to the doctoral program, presents the results of substantive and original research on a significant geographic problem. It is defended in a public oral presentation.

Courses

GEOG 141. The Natural Environment. 4 Credits. The earth’s physical landscapes, vegetation patterns, weather, and climate; emphasis on the dynamic interactions among climate, landforms, vegetation, and soils.

GEOG 142. Human Geography. 4 Credits. The spatial organization of humans and their activities on Earth’s surface. Cultural, political, and economic influences shaping places and their interconnections.

GEOG 181. Our Digital Earth. 4 Credits. Exploring the emergence of geospatial data and technologies that are pervasive in our everyday lives and how they are shaping society.

GEOG 196. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits. Repeatable.

GEOG 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 5 Credits. Repeatable.

GEOG 201. World Regional Geography. 4 Credits. Introduction to the world’s cultural regions. Study of the cultural and environmental factors that make different parts of the world distinct.

GEOG 202. Geography of Europe. 4 Credits. Physical and cultural processes that have shaped the rural and urban landscapes of Europe.

GEOG 204. Geography of Russia and Neighbors. 4 Credits. Natural regions, major population groups, and the economic development of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

GEOG 205. Geography of Pacific Asia. 4 Credits. Physical, cultural, and economic processes that have shaped the rural and urban landscapes of Pacific Asia.

GEOG 208. Geography of the United States and Canada. 4 Credits. Historical and geographical analysis of the physical and human geography of the U.S. and Canada. Topics include physical regions, settlement patterns, economic development, and urbanization. Offered alternate years.

GEOG 209. Geography of the Middle East and North Africa. 4 Credits. Physical and cultural processes that have shaped the rural and urban landscapes of the Middle East and North Africa.

GEOG 214. Geography of Latin America. 4 Credits. Physical, cultural, and economic processes that have shaped the rural and urban character of Latin America.

GEOG 281. The World and Big Data. 4 Credits. Explores technical foundations and social and economic applications of big data along the “5V” dimensions of volume, variety, velocity, veracity, and visualization.

GEOG 321. Climatology. 4 Credits. Energy and moisture in the atmosphere, atmospheric circulation, controls of regional and microclimates, applied climatology, climatic variations, past and future climates. Prereq: GEOG 141.

GEOG 322. Geomorphology. 4 Credits. Landforming processes with emphasis on mass movements, rivers, eolian, glacial, and coastal processes. Special fee. Prereq: GEOG 141 or GEOL 102 or 202.

GEOG 323. Biogeography. 4 Credits. Relation of plants and animals to the environment, distribution of individual species, historical changes in plant distribution. Prereq: one from GEOG 141, GEOL 103, 203, BI 370.

GEOG 341. Population and Environment. 4 Credits. Patterns of population growth over history and place, current policies and programs, and impacts and trends in United States and international contexts. Includes method and theory.
GEOG 342. Geography of Globalization. 4 Credits.
Historical and geographical dimensions of globalization; emphasizes economic and social factors. Topics include multinationals, trade agreements, sustainability, global inequalities, and racial and gender divisions of labor.

GEOG 343. Society, Culture, and Place. 4 Credits.
Examines ways in which geographical context reflects and shapes cultural and social processes. Importance of place and territory in human affairs.

GEOG 360. Watershed Science and Policy. 4 Credits.
Physical and biological processes of watersheds; problems of land use, water quality, riparian zones, aquatic ecology; scientific basis of watershed management and policy. Special fee.
Prereq: GEOG 141, or GEOL 102 or 202, or BI 130 or 213.

GEOG 361. Global Environmental Change. 4 Credits.
Natural and human-induced environmental changes and their impact on different environmental systems. Not available to those who have taken GEOG 143.
Prereq: GEOG 141.

GEOG 391. Social Science Inquiry and Research. 4 Credits.
Understanding scientific inquiry, the scientific method and learning to critique social science research. Readings and discussion focus on the questions, methods, conclusions and outcomes of research.

GEOG 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-6 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 408. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 409. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-21 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Topics are listed in the class schedule each term.

GEOG 421. Advanced Climatology: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Topics in climatology, including physical climatology, dynamic and synoptic climatology, and paleoclimatology. Repeatable when topic changes.
Prereq: GEOG 321.

GEOG 423. Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Selected topics in biogeography including relation of plants and animals to their environment, historical changes in plant distribution, and palynological analysis. Special fee. Repeatable when topic changes.
Prereq: GEOG 323.

GEOG 425. Hydrology and Water Resources. 4 Credits.
Emphasis on surface water including precipitation, evapotranspiration, surface runoff, and stream flow. Understanding and analysis of processes. Management for water supply and quality. Special fee.
Prereq: GEOG 321 or 322; MATH 111.

GEOG 427. Fluvial Geomorphology. 4 Credits.
Hydraulics and hydrology of stream channels; channel morphology and processes; drainage network development; fluvial deposits and landforms; field and analytical methods. Required field trips. Special fee.
Prereq: MATH 112; one from GEOG 322, GEOG 425, GEOL 334.

GEOG 430. Long-Term Environmental Change. 4 Credits.
Evolution of the physical landscape during the Quaternary period. Elements of paleoclimatology, paleoecology, and geomorphology. Required field trips. Special fee.
Prereq: GEOG 321, 322, or 323.

GEOG 432. Climatological Aspects of Global Change. 4 Credits.
Role of the climate system in global change, the Earth's climatic history, and potential future climatic changes.
Prereq: GEOG 321, 322, or 323.

GEOG 433. Fire and Natural Disturbances. 4 Credits.
Wildfire and other landscape disturbance processes, historical and current patterns of fire, use and management of fire. Offered alternate years.
Prereq: BI 307 or GEOG 323 or BI 370.

GEOG 441. Political Geography. 4 Credits.
Spatial perspectives on global political patterns and processes. Relationship of political territories to resources, ethnic patterns, and ideological communities. Impact of political arrangements on landscapes.
Prereq: Junior standing.

GEOG 442. Urban Geography. 4 Credits.
Urbanization throughout the world, the structure of urban settlements; cities as regional centers, physical places, and homes for people; geographic problems in major urban environments.
Prereq: Junior standing.

GEOG 443. Global Migration. 4 Credits.
Explores political, economic, and sociocultural dimensions of labor migration. Topics include capitalism and colonialism; state territoriality; urbanization; globalization; race, gender, and citizenship. Junior standing required.

GEOG 444. Cultural Geography. 4 Credits.
Patterns of culture as a force in human affairs. Dynamics of identity, place, and power. The creation of culture at different scales.

GEOG 445. Culture, Ethnicity, and Nationalism. 4 Credits.
Relationship of ethnic groups and nationality to landscapes, perception, and cultural geographic phenomena. Distribution of ethnic and national groups. Junior standing required.

GEOG 448. Tourism and Development. 4 Credits.
Tourism-related concepts and practices associated with tourism planning, development, marketing, and impacts in different geographic contexts.

GEOG 461. Environmental Alteration. 4 Credits.
Human alterations of the earth's major ecosystems. Consequences of human activity at different times and places with respect to soils, atmosphere, vegetation, landforms, and water.
Prereq: Junior standing.

GEOG 463. Geography, Law, and the Environment. 4 Credits.
Values underlying American legal approaches to environmental issues; the role of laws in reflecting and shaping human understanding and use of the environment. Special fee.
Prereq: Junior standing.
GEOG 465. Environment and Development. 4 Credits.
Prereq: Junior standing.

GEOG 466. Gender and Environment. 4 Credits.
How gender shapes understandings of and interactions with nature. Gender, science, and nature in Western thought; global environmental justice; population debates; feminist political ecology.
Prereq: Junior standing.

GEOG 467. International Water Policy. 4 Credits.
Examines problems in water policy and governance in a global context. Draws on interdisciplinary perspectives, compares case studies, and analyzes institutions.

GEOG 468. Contemporary Food Systems. 4 Credits.
Explores contemporary food systems at local, national, and global scales. Emphasis on the political economy and sociocultural dynamics linking agriculture, food industries, and consumption.

GEOG 471. North American Historical Landscapes. 4 Credits.
Examines the origin and evolution of cultural landscapes in North America through historical and contemporary sources, and draws upon the local region for student projects.
Prereq: Junior standing.

GEOG 475. Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Examination of the settlement patterns, regional economies, political organization, and character of the landscapes of selected major regions of the non-European and American world. Repeatable when region changes.

GEOG 481. GIScience I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to geographic information science, geographic information systems (GIS), the current population survey (CPS), remote sensing, and cartography. Sequence with GEOG 482/582, 491/591.

GEOG 482. GIScience II. 4 Credits.
Spatial data collection, spatial data models, database design, data editing, geographic information system (GIS) project management, and advanced topics in geographic information science. Sequence with GEOG 481/581, 491/591, 493/593.
Prereq: GEOG 481.

GEOG 485. Remote Sensing I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to remote sensing science including its physical basis, instruments, platforms, data, processing methods, and applications. Sequence with GEOG 486/586.
Prereq: GEOG 481.

GEOG 486. Remote Sensing II. 4 Credits.
The use of digital electromagnetic data for classification, mapping, and monitoring biologic, hydrologic, atmospheric, geologic, and human processes and environmental change. Sequence with GEOG 485/585.
Prereq: GEOG 485.

GEOG 490. GIScience: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Advanced topics on geographic information systems science including spatial analysis and modeling, data visualization, cartography, volunteered geographic information, GIS programming. Repeatable five times for a maximum of 24 credits.
Prereq: GEOG 481 or GEOG 311.

GEOG 491. Advanced Geographic Information Systems. 4 Credits.
Socioeconomic analysis with geographic information systems (GIS) and the U.S. census, network modeling, 3-D models of natural and urban landscapes, web-based GIS and programming. Sequence with GEOG 481/581, 482/582.
Prereq: GEOG 482.

GEOG 493. Advanced Cartography. 4 Credits.
Map design and production methods; use of color, cartographic visualization, graphing, data graphics theory, and integration of geographic information systems (GIS) and graphics tools. Sequence with GEOG 481/581, 482/582.
Prereq: GEOG 481.

GEOG 494. Spatial Analysis. 4 Credits.
Introduction to a variety of spatial analysis techniques that can be used for understanding and modeling geographic phenomena. Series. Prereq: GEOG 481.

GEOG 495. Geographic Data Analysis. 4 Credits.
Analysis and display of geographical data by traditional data-analytical methods and by scientific-visualization approaches.
Prereq: GEOG 481.

GEOG 496. Location-Aware Systems. 4 Credits.
Explores technical fundamentals of location-aware systems, such as location models and location-based services, as well as challenges such as user privacy.
Prereq: GEOG 481.

GEOG 497. Qualitative Methods in Geography. 4 Credits.
Explores conceptual and practical dimensions of qualitative research. Includes linking theory and method; research question formulation; project design; ethics; data gathering, analysis, and presentation.
Prereq: GEOG 341, 342, or 343.

GEOG 498. Geospatial Project Design. 4 Credits.
Introduction to methods for designing and implementing professional projects involving geospatial data, technologies, and analytical methods.
Prereq: GEOG 481.

GEOG 503. Thesis. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 507. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 508. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 510. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Topics are listed in the class schedule each term.

GEOG 521. Advanced Climatology: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Topics in climatology, including physical climatology, dynamic and synoptic climatology, and paleoclimatology. Repeatable when topic changes.

GEOG 523. Advanced Biogeography: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Selected topics in biogeography including relation of plants and animals to their environment, historical changes in plant distribution, and palynological analysis. Special fee. Repeatable when topic changes.

GEOG 525. Hydrology and Water Resources. 4 Credits.
Emphasis on surface water including precipitation, evapotranspiration, surface runoff, and stream flow. Understanding and analysis of processes. Management for water supply and quality. Special fee.
GEOG 527. Fluvial Geomorphology. 4 Credits.
Hydraulics and hydrology of stream channels; channel morphology and processes; drainage network development; fluvial deposits and landforms; field and analytical methods. Required field trips. Special fee.

GEOG 530. Long-Term Environmental Change. 4 Credits.
Evolution of the physical landscape during the Quaternary period. Elements of paleoclimatology, paleoecology, and geomorphology. Required field trips. Special fee.

GEOG 532. Climatological Aspects of Global Change. 4 Credits.
Role of the climate system in global change, the Earth’s climatic history, and potential future climatic changes.

GEOG 533. Fire and Natural Disturbances. 4 Credits.
Wildfire and other landscape disturbance processes, historical and current patterns of fire, use and management of fire. Offered alternate years.

GEOG 541. Political Geography. 4 Credits.
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Patterns of culture as a force in human affairs. Dynamics of identity, place, and power. The creation of culture at different scales.

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Relationship of ethnic groups and nationality to landscapes, perception, and cultural geographic phenomena. Distribution of ethnic and national groups.

GEOG 548. Tourism and Development. 4 Credits.
Tourism-related concepts and practices associated with tourism planning, development, marketing, and impacts in different geographic contexts.

GEOG 561. Environmental Alteration. 4 Credits.
Human alterations of the earth's major ecosystems. Consequences of human activity at different times and places with respect to soils, atmosphere, vegetation, landforms, and water.

GEOG 563. Geography, Law, and the Environment. 4 Credits.
Values underlying American legal approaches to environmental issues; the role of laws in reflecting and shaping human understanding and use of the environment. Special fee.

GEOG 565. Environment and Development. 4 Credits.

GEOG 566. Gender and Environment. 4 Credits.
How gender shapes understandings of and interactions with nature. Gender, science, and nature in Western thought; global environmental justice; population debates; feminist political ecology.

GEOG 567. International Water Policy. 4 Credits.
Examines problems in water policy and governance in a global context. Draws on interdisciplinary perspectives, compares case studies, and analyzes institutions.

GEOG 568. Contemporary Food Systems. 4 Credits.
Explores contemporary food systems at local, national, and global scales. Emphasis on the political economy and sociocultural dynamics linking agriculture, food industries, and consumption.

GEOG 571. North American Historical Landscapes. 4 Credits.
Examines the origin and evolution of cultural landscapes in North America through historical and contemporary sources, and draws upon the local region for student projects.

GEOG 575. Advanced Geography of Non-European-American Regions: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Repeatable. Examination of the settlement patterns, regional economies, political organization, and character of the landscapes of selected major regions of the non-European and American world. Repeatable when region changes.

GEOG 581. GIScience I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to geographic information science, geographic information systems (GIS), the current population survey (CPS), remote sensing, and cartography. Sequence with GEOG 482/582, 491/591.

GEOG 582. GIScience II. 4 Credits.
Spatial data collection, spatial data models, database design, data editing, geographic information system (GIS) project management, and advanced topics in geographic information science. Sequence with GEOG 481/581, 491/591, 493/593.
Prereq: GEOG 581.

GEOG 585. Remote Sensing I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to remote sensing science including its physical basis, instruments, platforms, data, processing methods, and applications. Sequence with GEOG 486/586.
Prereq: GEOG 581.

GEOG 586. Remote Sensing II. 4 Credits.
The use of digital electromagnetic data for classification, mapping, and monitoring biologic, hydrologic, atmospheric, geologic, and human processes and environmental change. Sequence with GEOG 485/585.
Prereq: GEOG 585.

GEOG 590. GIScience: [Topic]. 4 Credits.
Advanced topics on geographic information systems science including spatial analysis and modeling, data visualization, cartography, volunteered geographic information, GIS programming. Repeatable five times for a maximum of 24 credits.
Prereq: GEOG 581.

GEOG 591. Advanced Geographic Information Systems. 4 Credits.
Socioeconomic analysis with geographic information systems (GIS) and the U.S. census, network modeling, 3-D models of natural and urban landscapes, web-based GIS and programming. Sequence with GEOG 481/581, 482/582.
Prereq: GEOG 582.

GEOG 593. Advanced Cartography. 4 Credits.
Map design and production methods; use of color, cartographic visualization, graphing, data graphics theory, and integration of geographic information systems (GIS) and graphics tools. Sequence with GEOG 481/581, 482/582.
Prereq: GEOG 582.
GEOG 594. Spatial Analysis. 4 Credits.
Introduction to a variety of spatial analysis techniques that can be used for understanding and modeling geographic phenomena. Series. Prereq: GEOG 581.

GEOG 595. Geographic Data Analysis. 4 Credits.
Analysis and display of geographical data by traditional data-analytical methods and by scientific-visualization approaches. Prereq: GEOG 581.

GEOG 596. Location-Aware Systems. 4 Credits.
Explores technical fundamentals of location-aware systems, such as location models and location-based services, as well as challenges such as user privacy. Prereq: GEOG 581.

GEOG 597. Qualitative Methods in Geography. 4 Credits.
Explores conceptual and practical dimensions of qualitative research. Includes linking theory and method; research question formulation; project design; ethics; data gathering, analysis, and presentation.

GEOG 598. Geospatial Project Design. 4 Credits.
Introduction to methods for designing and implementing professional projects involving geospatial data, technologies, and analytical methods.

GEOG 601. Research: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 602. Supervised College Teaching. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 603. Dissertation. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 605. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 606. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 607. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 608. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 609. Practicum: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GEOG 611. Theory and Practice of Geography I. 4 Credits.
Introduction to professional practice in geography and the development of geographic concepts and theories from Ancient times through the mid-twentieth century. Sequence with GEOG 612, 613.

GEOG 612. Theory and Practice of Geography II. 4 Credits.
The development of geographic concepts and theories from the mid-20th century to the present. Students learn to refine effective geographic research questions. Sequence with GEOG 611 and 613. Prereq: GEOG 611.

GEOG 613. Research Design. 4 Credits.
Examines main components of research design, including research questions, methodological approach, institutional review boards, funding programs, proposal writing, and application. Sequence with GEOG 611 and 612. Prereq: GEOG 612.

GEOG 631. Progress in Physical Geography. 1 Credit.
Recent developments in climatology, geomorphology, hydrology, and biogeography. Lectures, readings, and presentation of faculty and student works in progress. Repeatable for maximum of 12 credits.

GEOG 632. Progress in Human Geography. 1 Credit.
Recent developments in cultural, economic, environmental and political geography. Lectures, readings, and presentation of faculty and student works in progress. Repeatable for maximum of 12 credits.

GEOG 633. Progress in Geographic Information Science. 1 Credit.
Recent developments in cartography, GIS, remote sensing, data analysis, and visualization. Lectures, readings, and presentation of faculty and student works in progress. Repeatable for maximum of 12 credits.