

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY**  
**COLLEGE OF ATMOSPHERIC AND GEOGRAPHIC SCIENCES**  
 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education:  
**Summer 2016 through Spring 2017**

| GENERAL REQUIREMENTS                                      |         |
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| Total Credit Hours . . . . .                              | 124-126 |
| Total Upper-Division Credit Hours . . . . .               | 40      |
| <b>Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:</b> |         |
| Minimum in OU Coursework . . . . .                        | 2.25    |
| Minimum in Major Coursework – Combined and OU . . . . .   | 2.25    |
| Overall – Combined and OU . . . . .                       | 2.25    |

**Geography: Physical & Social Sciences**  
**B460 P506**  
 Bachelor of Arts in Geography

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in four years.

| GENERAL EDUCATION AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS<br>Courses graded P/NP will not apply.   | Courses required for major support may <u>not</u> also fulfill University-Wide General Education Requirements  |   |   |  |
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|   | MAJOR REQUIREMENTS   | MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS  |   |  |
| <p>Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Atmospheric &amp; Geographic Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list at <a href="http://www.ou.edu/content/ged/courses.html">http://www.ou.edu/content/ged/courses.html</a>.</p> <p align="center"><b>University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Requirements</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Courses graded P/NP will not apply</b></p> <p><b>Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication</b> (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses)</p> <p>A. <b>English Composition</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <p>1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition</p> <p>2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing</p> <p>B. <b>Foreign Language</b> (0-10 hours in the same language)<br/>                     Students who have not completed two years of the same foreign language in high school are required to take two college courses in the same foreign language.</p> <p>1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____</p> <p>2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____</p> <p>C. <b>Mathematics</b> (3 hours, 1 course). _____</p> <p><b>Core Area II: Natural Science</b> (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component.</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p><b>Core Area III: Social Science</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <p>1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p><b>Core Area IV: Humanities</b> (12 hours, 4 courses)</p> <p>a: <b>Understanding Artistic Forms</b> (3 hours, 1 course) _____</p> <p>b. <b>Western Civilization and Culture</b> (6 hours, 2 courses)</p> <p>1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present,</p> <p>2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493)</p> <p>c. <b>Non-Western Culture</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p><b>Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience</b> (3 hours, 1 course): _____</p> <p>At least three hours of Upper-Division General Education coursework must be completed outside the major.</p> <p align="center"><b>Additional College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Bachelor of Arts Requirements:</b></p> <p><b>Humanities or Social Science Elective (3 hours, 1 course).</b> To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved List.</p> <p><b>Humanities/Social Science:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Natural Science Elective (3-4 hours, 1 course).</b> With or without a laboratory component. To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved List.</p> <p><b>Natural Science:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Foreign Language (6 hours, 2 courses at the intermediate level).</b> If the student successfully places beyond the second intermediate course, the 16 hours of required foreign language will become free electives.</p> <p>Intermediate Course (3 hours) _____</p> <p>Intermediate Course (3 hours) _____</p> | <p align="center"><b>GEOGRAPHY CORE (18 hours, 6 courses)</b></p> <p>GEOG 1113, The Language of Maps, or<br/>                     GIS 2023, Intro. to Spatial Thinking<br/>                     GEOG 3213, Principles of Human Geography</p> <p align="center">3<br/>3<br/>3</p> <p>GIS 4133, Fundamentals of Remote Sensing<br/>                     OR<br/>                     GIS 4013, Fundamentals of GIS</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>GEOG 4893, Research Methods &amp; Professional Development</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>GEOG 4953, Capstone</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p align="center"><b>Physical &amp; Social Sciences Concentration (19 hours)</b></p> <p>GEOG 3023, Principles of Physical Geography</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>GEOG 3243, Principles of Economic Geography</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>GEOG 3924, Quantitative Methods</p> <p align="center">4</p> <p>One regional geography course listed below:</p> <p>GEOG 3223, British Empire and its Successor States<br/>                     GEOG 4243, Geography of Asia<br/>                     GEOG 4253, Latin America Geography<br/>                     GEOG 4853, Geography of Africa</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>Six hours of Geography electives:</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> | <p align="center"><b>Additional College Requirements</b></p> <p><b>Adviser-Approved Electives (24 hours)</b></p> <p>Twenty-four hours of adviser-approved coursework relevant to the student's field(s) of study.</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p>_____</p> <p align="center">3</p> |   |  |
|   |  |   | <b>Free Electives</b>   |  |
|   |  |   | Electives to bring total applicable hours to 124 including 40 upper-division hours. |  |

## INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

**TOTAL HOURS:** A minimum of 124 semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed.

**UPPER-DIVISION HOURS:** A minimum of 40 upper-division semester hours acceptable toward graduation must be completed. OU courses numbered 3000 or above are upper-division. Transfer work is counted as lower-division or upper-division credit depending on the level at which it was offered at the institution where it was earned. Two-year college work is accepted only as lower-division credit.

**SENIOR INSTITUTION HOURS:** A minimum of 60 semester hours applied toward graduation must be earned at senior (4-year) institutions.

**RESIDENCY:**

- A minimum of two semesters must be spent in residence in the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences.
- At least 36 of the last 48 hours must be completed in residence at OU.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDIES:** No more than six hours of independent study or directed readings may be applied toward degree requirements.

**GRADEPOINT AVERAGES:** Students must earn a minimum overall 2.25 for each of the following: Combined Retention GPA (all college grades), OU Retention GPA, GPA for all major courses, and GPA for all major courses taken at OU.

**Refer to the OU General Catalog for more complete information.**

### Suggested Semester Plan of Study — Bachelor of Arts in Geography (B460-P506)

This plan shows one possible grouping of courses that would allow students to graduate in four years. Please refer to the front of the degree checksheet for official requirements. Students must consult with College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences and/or Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences, and Geography major requirements.

| Year             | FIRST SEMESTER  | Hours        | SECOND SEMESTER   | Hours        |
|------------------|---|--------------|---|--------------|
| <b>FRESHMAN</b>  | ENGL 1113, Principles of English Composition (Core I)                 | 3            | ENGL 1213, Principles of English Composition (Core I), or         | 3            |
|                  | HIST 1483 or 1493, U.S. (Core IV)                                     | 3            | EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)                            |              |
|                  | <sup>1</sup> General Education Natural Science Elective (Core II)     | 3-4          | <sup>1</sup> General Education Natural Science with lab (Core II) | 4-5          |
|                  | <sup>1</sup> General Education Math (Core I)                          | 3            | <sup>1</sup> P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)    | 3            |
|                  | <sup>1</sup> Humanities or Social Science Elective                    | 3            | Free Elective   | 3            |
|                  |   |              | <sup>1</sup> Natural Science Elective                             | 4            |
|                  | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15-16</b> | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>17-18</b> |
| <b>SOPHOMORE</b> | GEOG 1113, The Language of Maps, or                                   | 3            | GEOG 3023, Principles of Physical Geography                       | 3            |
|                  | GIS 2023, Intro to Spatial Thinking & Computer Mapping                |              | General Education Western Civ. & Culture (Core IV)                | 3            |
|                  | <sup>1</sup> General Education Social Science (Core III)              | 3            | General Education Non-Western Culture (Core IV)                   | 3            |
|                  | <sup>1</sup> General Education Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV) | 3            | <sup>2</sup> College Elective—Intermediate Foreign Language       | 3            |
|                  | <sup>2</sup> College Elective—Intermediate Foreign Language           | 3            | Free Elective   | 3            |
| Free Elective    | 3   |              |   |              |
| Free Elective    | 1   |              |   |              |
|                  | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>16</b>    | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>JUNIOR</b>    | GEOG 3924, Analytic Methods in Geography                              | 4            | GEOG 3243, Principles of Economic Geography                       | 3            |
|                  | GEOG 3213, Principles of Human Geography                              | 3            | GEOG Elective   | 3            |
|                  | <sup>2</sup> College Elective   | 3            | <sup>2</sup> College Elective                                     | 3            |
|                  | <sup>3</sup> GIS Geographic Information Science Course                | 3            | <sup>2</sup> College Elective                                     | 3            |
|                  | Free Elective   | 3            | GEOG 3773, Geography of the United States                         | 3            |
|                  | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>16</b>    | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>SENIOR</b>    | GEOG 4893, Research Methods & Professional Development                | 3            | <sup>2</sup> College Elective                                     | 3            |
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|                  | GEOG Elective   | 3            | Free Elective   | 3            |
|                  | <sup>4</sup> GEOG Regional Geography Course                           | 3            | GEOG 4953, Proseminar (Capstone)                                  | 3            |
|                  | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15</b>    | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>   | <b>15</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> = To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List. Three hours of general education must be upper-division outside the major. At least one General Education approved math course must be completed.

<sup>2</sup> = Thirty hours of adviser-approved coursework relevant to the student's field(s) of study. These 30 hours are to be outside the student's major School or Department, and must include two intermediate-level foreign language courses, or the student must demonstrate competency at the intermediate level.

<sup>3</sup> = One Geographic Information Science course (3 credit hours) chosen from GIS 4133, or 4013.

<sup>4</sup> = One regional geography course (three credit hours) chosen from GEOG 3223, 4243, 4253, 4853, or a course approved by faculty adviser.

NOTE: No more than 52 hours of Geography coursework may be taken to fulfill the 124-126 minimum total credit hours required.

**Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 48 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework.**

This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.