



## 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.