

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 2018 through Spring 2019

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS	
Total Credit Hours	149
Total Upper-Division Credit Hours	40
Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages:	
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
A460-P506
 Bachelor of Arts in Geography/
 Master of Regional & City Planning
F817-Q274

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 Courses graded P/NP will not apply.	Courses required for major support may <u>not</u> also fulfill University-Wide General Education Requirements	
Courses for fulfillment of General Education and College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences requirements must be from the approved General Education course list at http://www.ou.edu/content/gened/courses.html University-Wide General Education (minimum 40 hours) and College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Requirements Courses graded P/NP will not apply Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication (9-22 hours, 3-6 courses) A. English Composition (6 hours, 2 courses) 1. English 1113, Principles of English Composition 2. English 1213, Principles of English Composition, or EXPO 1213, Expository Writing B. Foreign Language (0-10 hours in the same language) 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. 1. Beginning Course (0-5 hours) _____ 2. Beginning Course, continued (0-5 hours) _____ C. Mathematics (3 hours, 1 course). _____ Core Area II: Natural Science (7 hours, 2 courses) including one laboratory component. 1. _____ 2. _____ Core Area III: Social Science (6 hours, 2 courses) 1. Political Science 1113, American Federal Government 2. _____ Core Area IV: Humanities (12 hours, 4 courses) a: Understanding Artistic Forms (3 hours, 1 course) _____ b. Western Civilization and Culture (6 hours, 2 courses) 1. History 1483, U.S., 1492-1865, or History 1493, U.S., 1865-Present, 2. _____ (excluding HIST 1483 and 1493) c. Non-Western Culture (3 hours, 1 course): _____ Core Area V: Senior Capstone Experience (3 hours, 1 course): _____ At least three hours of Upper-Division General Education coursework must be completed outside the major.	MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	SHARED HOURS
	Additional College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences Bachelor of Arts Requirements: Humanities and Social Science Electives (6 hours, 2 courses). To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Lists. <i>At least one course must be completed at the upper-division level.</i> Humanities: _____ Social Science: _____ Natural Science Elective (3-4 hours, 1 course). With or without a laboratory component. To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved List. Natural Science: _____ Foreign Language (3 hours, in course at the intermediate level). If the student successfully places beyond the second intermediate course, the 13 hours of required foreign language will become free electives. Intermediate Course (3 hours) _____	CORE (18 hours, 6 courses) GIS 2023, Intro. to Spatial Thinking 3 GEOG 3213, Principles of Human Geography 3 GEOG 3773, Geography of the U.S. 3 *GIS 5013, Fundamentals of GIS 3 GEOG 4893, Research Methods & Professional Development 3 GEOG 4953, Capstone 3 Physical & Social Sciences Concentration (19 hours) GEOG 3023, Principles of Physical Geography 3 GEOG 3243, Principles of Economic Geography 3 GEOG 3924, Quantitative Methods 4 One regional geography course listed below: GEOG 3223, British Empire and its Successor States _____ 3 GEOG 4243, Geography of Asia _____ 3 GEOG 4253, Latin America Geography _____ 3 GEOG 4853, Geography of Africa _____ 3 _____ 3 Six hours of Geography electives: _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3
	MAJOR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS	Free Electives
	Additional College Requirements Adviser-Approved Electives (12 hours) 12 hours of adviser-approved coursework relevant to the student's field(s) of study. _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3 _____ 3	Electives to bring total applicable hours to 149.

INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

TOTAL HOURS: A minimum of 120 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/Master of Regional & City Planning: A460-P506/F818-Q274

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 academic advisers to verify that courses selected each semester fulfill the recommended plan and satisfy university, College of Atmospheric & Geographic Sciences, and Environmental Sustainability major requirements.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER	Hours	SECOND SEMESTER	Hours
FRESHMAN	ENGL 1113, Principles of English Comp. (Core I)	3	ENGL 1213, Principles of English Comp. (Core I), or	3
	Beginning Foreign Language (Core I)	5	EXPO 1213, Expository Writing (Core I)	5
	¹ General Education Mathematics course (Core I)	3	Beginning Foreign Language Cont. (Core I)	3
	¹ General Education Social Science (Core III)	3	P SC 1113, American Federal Government (Core III)	3
			¹ General Education Natural Science (Core II)	3
			² College Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17
SOPHOMORE	GIS 2023, Intro. to Spatial Thinking	3	GEOG 3023, Principles of Physical Geography	3
	Intermediate Foreign Language	3	¹ General Education Social Science elective	3
	HIST 1483, United States 1492-1865, or	3	¹ General Education Natural Science with Laboratory (Core II)	4
	1493, United States 1865-Present (Core IV)	3	¹ General Education Non-Western Culture (Core IV)	3
	¹ General Education Understanding Artistic Forms (Core IV)	3	¹ General Education Western Civilization & Culture (Core IV)	3
		¹ General Education Humanities elective	3	
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16
JUNIOR	GEOG 3924, Analytic Methods in Geography	4	GEOG 3243, Principles of Economic Geography	3
	GEOG 3213, Principles of Human Geography	3	GEOG 3773, Geography of the United States	3
	*GIS 5013, Fundamentals of GIS	3	GEOG elective	3
	² College Elective	3	*RCPL 5203, Urban Land Use Controls	3
	¹ Natural Science Elective	3	² College Elective	3
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15
SENIOR	GEOG 4893, Research Methods	3	GEOG 4953, Capstone	3
	GEOG elective	3	*RCPL 5173, Urban & Regional Analysis	3
	Regional GEOG course	3	Breadth course in selected RCPL specialization	3
	² College Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	*RCPL 5013, History & Theory of Urban Planning	3		
RCPL 5113, Urban Planning Research Methods	3			
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12
5th YEAR	RCPL 5525 Comprehensive RCPL Project Studio or RCPL 5523 {Fa}/5522{Sp}	3-5	*RCPL 5053, Planning Management	3
	Breadth course in selected RCPL specialization	3	Breadth course in selected RCPL specialization	3
	Breadth course in non-selected specialization	3	RCPL specialization elective	3
	RCPL specialization elective	3	RCPL specialization elective (RCPL 5522, if not in Fall)	0-2
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12-14	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12-14

*=These courses are shared between the undergraduate and graduate degrees.

¹= To be chosen from the University-Wide General Education Approved Course List. Three hours of general education must be upper-division outside the major.

²= Nine hours of adviser-approved coursework relevant to the student's field(s) of study. These hours are to be outside the student's major School or Department.

NOTE: No more than 52 hours of Geography coursework may be used to fulfill the 120 minimum total credit hours required for the undergraduate degree.

Bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division (3000-4000) coursework. This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement.