

The Geography Major

The Major

Our major requirements are not unlike many other departments on campus and we ask the student to put together a coherent set of courses in collaboration with the department chair. The major consists of ten courses of which three are pre-requisites (G1 or 3 and two techniques/spatial analysis courses). Majors take one course in each of the three cores of geography and culminate with Geography 90. See the table below for full details.

	Geography Major	Geography Modified with another Major "Primary Modification"	Geography Minor	Another Major modified with Geography "Secondary Modification"
Minimum Number of Courses	10	8	7	5
Pre-Requisites	G1 or G3 and any 2 from G11 or any course in the 50 range	G1 or G3 and any 2 from G11 or any course in the 50 range	G1 or G3 and any 2 from G11 or any course in the 50 range	G1 or G3
Required Courses	1 from each from Nature/Society, Human Social, Physical, plus 3 additional	1 from each from Nature/Society, Human Social, Physical, plus 1 additional	5 courses Note: if using FSP only G47 & 81 can be used	Coherent set of courses devised in consultation with chair
G90 (Culminating Experience) Required	Yes	Yes	Recommended	No
Paperwork Needed	Geography Chair Signature	Geography Chair & Other Advisor Signature, Letter of Intent	Geography Chair Signature	Geography Chair & Other Advisor Signature, Letter of Intent
Other Requirements	None	Four Courses in other Major in Consultation with Geography Chair	None	See Other Major's Specific Requirements

* = or equivalent

Nature/Society consists of: 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 40, 44, 48

Human Social consists of: 2, 9, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 41, 43, 45, 47, 81, 82

Physical consists of: 4, 5, 31, 33, 35

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR

There are three major streams within the Geography curriculum: (1) Physical and Human Dimensions of Global Change, (2) Critical Urban and Identity Studies, and (3) International Development. The following courses within the curriculum correspond to the streams:

Physical and Human Dimensions of Global Change:

GEOG 3: The Natural Environment
GEOG 4: Landscape and Environments of New England
GEOG 5: Global Climate Change
GEOG 12: Wilderness, Culture, and Environmental Conservation
GEOG 13: Population, Culture and the Environment
GEOG 14: Global Water Resources
GEOG 18: Urbanization and the Environment
GEOG 19: Gender, Space, and the Environment
GEOG 31: Plant and Animal Geography
GEOG 33: Earth Surface Processes and Landforms

Critical Urban and Identity Studies:

GEOG 21: The North American City
GEOG 22: Urban Geography
GEOG 23: Power, Territoriality, and Political Geography
GEOG 24: American Landscapes and Culture
GEOG 25: Social Justice and the City
GEOG 27: Race, Identity and Rights: Geographic Perspectives on Law
GEOG 28: Immigration, Race, and Identity
GEOG 57: Urban Applications of GIS

International Development:

GEOG 6: Geographies of Development
GEOG 15: Food and Power
GEOG 16: Political Economy of Development
GEOG 17: Geopolitics of Third World Development

GEOG 26: Women, Gender and Development
GEOG 40: Africa: Ecology and Development
GEOG 41: Gender, Space and Islam
GEOG 43: Latin America
GEOG 44: Environment and Politics in Southeast Asia
GEOG 47: The Czech Republic in the New Europe
GEOG 81: Field Research in the Czech Republic
GEOG 82: Independent Study in the Czech Republic

The major in Geography consists of seven courses in addition to the prerequisite courses.

Prerequisite: Geography 1 or 3; and any two techniques courses from the following: 11, 50, 55, 57 or 59.

Required courses:

1. Geography 90; this serves as the culminating activity in the geography major.

2. One course from each of the following three themes: Nature-Society, Human-Social Geography, and Physical Geography.

Courses consisting of Nature-Society Geography include: 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 40, 44, 48

Courses consisting of Human-Social Geography include: 2, 9, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 41, 43, 45, 47, 81, 82

Courses consisting of Physical Geography include: 4, 5, 31, 33, 35

3. Three additional courses.

NOTE: The Chair of the department is responsible for signing major cards and all major advising.