BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY - QUANTITATIVE REASONING CATEGORY I/II AND ENG 114

120 Total Units Required
Minimum Number of Units in the Major: 39

This roadmap is a suggested plan of study and does not replace meeting with an advisor. Please note that students may need to adjust the actual sequence of courses based on course availability. Please consult an advisor in your major program for further guidance.

Course | Title | Units
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**First Semester**

ENG 114 | Writing the First Year: Finding Your Voice 1 | 3

GE Area A 2 | 3

GE Area B: Quantitative Reasoning (B4) 3 | 3

GE Area C | 3

GE Area D | 3

Units | 15

**Second Semester**

GEOG 101 | Our Physical Environment (Major Core, B1, ES) | 3

GE Area A | 3

GE Area E | 3

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two 4 | 6

Units | 15

**Third Semester**

Select One (Major Core): | 3

GEOG 102 | The Human Environment (D1, ES, GP) 5 | 3

GEOG 107 | World Regions and Interrelations (D1, ES, GP) | 3-4

GE Area B: Life Science (B2) and Laboratory Science (B3) 6 | 3-4

GE Area D | 3

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two 4 | 6

Units | 15-16

**Fourth Semester**

GEOG 205 | Geographic Techniques (Major Core) | 3

GE Area C - Take Two | 6

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two 4 | 6

Units | 15

**Fifth Semester**

GEOG 500GW | Physical and Human Dimensions of Climate Change - GWAR 5 | 3

Distribution Requirement (12-16 units) - Take One 7 | 3

Guided Electives (12 units) - Take One 8 | 3

GE Area UD-B: Upper-Division Physical and/or Life Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course) | 3

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective 4 | 3

Units | 15

**Sixth Semester**

Distribution Requirement (12-16 units) - Take One 7 | 3

Guided Electives (12 units) - Take One 8 | 3

GE Area UD-C: Upper-Division Arts and/or Humanities (Consider SF State Studies Course) | 3

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two 4 | 6

Units | 15

**Seventh Semester**

Distribution Requirement (12-16 units) - Take One 7 | 3

Guided Electives (12 units) - Take One 8 | 3

GE Area UD-D: Upper-Division Social Sciences (Consider SF State Studies Course) | 3

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective – Take Two 4 | 6

Units | 15

**Eighth Semester**

GEOG 690 | Senior Seminar in Geography and Environmental Science (Major Capstone) | 3

Distribution Requirement (16 units) – Take Two 7 | 6

Guided Electives (12 units) - Take One 8 | 3

Complementary Studies or SF State Studies or University Elective 4 | 3

Units | 15

Total Units | 120-121

1 ENG 114 can only be taken if you complete Directed Self-Placement (DSP) and select ENG 114; if you choose ENG 104/ENG 105 through DSP you will satisfy A2 upon successful completion of ENG 105 in the second semester; multilingual students may be advised into alternative English courses.

2 To avoid taking additional units, it is recommended that you meet SF State Studies requirements (AERM, GP, ES, SJ) within your GE or major.
Depending on courses completed through Early Start, students in Pathway/Category III or IV may be required to enroll in a support course to complement their Quantitative Reasoning/B4 requirement. There are multiple course options for this pathway. Before enrolling in a B4 course, students should verify their MATH Pathway/Category in their Student Center. Information regarding the courses that correspond with your MATH Pathway/Category can be found on the Developmental Studies Office Website.

Complementary Studies
All Bachelor of Arts students must complete 12 units of Complementary Studies in courses outside the primary prefix for the major, and not cross-listed with the primary prefix for the major. Students who complete two majors or a major and a minor automatically complete the Complementary Studies requirement. An additional way to satisfy the Complementary Studies requirement for students in the Geography major is to meet with an advisor to identify courses other than GEOG, and not cross-listed with GEOG, that would serve to complement each student’s area of interest. Four units from Complementary Studies will also double-count toward units in the major.

Students who have earned AA-T or AS-T degrees and are pursuing a similar B.A. degree at SF State are required to fulfill the Complementary Studies requirement as defined by the major department. Students should consult with a major advisor about how transfer units and/or SF State units can best be applied to this requirement in order to ensure degree completion within 60 units. Students are advised that the CR grade is acceptable in any two courses to be counted for the Geography major. No more than one course counted toward major requirements may be completed with a grade less than a C-.

GEOG 102 is a prerequisite for GEOG 500GW.

Consider taking a class combined with a laboratory or a separate lab to fulfill B3 if not already satisfied.

Distribution Requirement (12-16 units)
One course from each of the following four areas:
A. Physical Geography: 310–399 numbered courses in Geography
B. Human Geography: 400-level courses in Geography
C. Human-Environment Interaction in a Regional Context:
   • GEOG 550 Geography of the United States and Canada (3 units)
   • GEOG 552 Geography of California (3 units) (UD-D, AERM, ES, SJ)
   • GEOG 575 Emerging China (3 units)
   • GEOG 646 The Geography of Marine Resources (4 units)
   • GEOG 647 Geography of Water Resources (4 units)
   • GEOG 648 Management of National Parks and Protected Areas (4 units)
   • GEOG 651/USP 651 San Francisco Bay Area Environmental Issues (4 units) (UD-B, ES)

D. Techniques or Applied Geography – courses from either Geographic Techniques – GEOG 601-639 or Applied Geography – GEOG 640–668. Note: while some of these courses also apply to the ‘Human-Environment Interaction in a Regional Context’ area, they cannot double count towards the major.
Guided Electives (12 units)

Units of upper-division geography electives consisting of a minimum of three courses chosen on advisement. These courses will be organized around coherent themes such as those listed below. Courses for the following guided electives are listed below, but other themes are also possible, such as agriculture or water resources, either of which may include courses in human geography, physical geography, and geographic information science. Students are encouraged to meet with a B.A. Geography major adviser to develop their theme to best prepare for suitable careers. On advisement, appropriate upper division courses from other departments and programs may be included.

- Human Geography
- Environmental Studies
- Physical Geography
- Resource Management
- Geographic Information Science
- Urban Environment, Transportation, and Land Use
- Focused individual interest pursued in consultation with the undergraduate adviser

Human Geography

In addition to serving traditional liberal arts education, this theme provides systematic study within human geography:

- GEOG 421 Future Environments (3 units) (UD-D, ES, GP, SJ)
- GEOG 422 Environmental Perception (3 units)
- GEOG 423/WGS 423 Geographic Perspectives on Gender, Environment, and Development (3 units)
- GEOG 425 Economic Geography (3 units)
- GEOG 427 Agriculture and Food Supply (4 units) (ES, GP)
- GEOG 428/IR 428 International Political Economy of Food and Hunger (4 units)
- GEOG 430 Transforming Food and Agriculture Systems: Local to Global (4 units) (ES, GP, SJ)
- GEOG 432/USP 432 Urban Geography (4 units) (ES, GP)
- GEOG 433/USP 433 Urban Transportation (4 units)
- GEOG 434/H ED 434 Geographies of Health and Health Care (3 units)
- GEOG 435 Geography of Global Transportation (4 units)
- GEOG 437 Bicycle Geographies (4 units)
- GEOG 445/IR 445 Geopolitics and Globalization (3 units) (UD-D)
- GEOG 454 San Francisco on Foot (4 units)
- GEOG 455 Geography of Ethnic Communities (3 units) (AERM, SJ)

Environmental Studies

This theme provides students with an opportunity to learn about environmental processes and issues arising from human activities on our planet.

- GEOG 316 Biogeography (4 units)
- GEOG 317 Geography of Soils (4 units)
- GEOG 342 Surface Water Hydrology (4 units)
- GEOG 422 Environmental Perception (3 units)
- GEOG 427 Agriculture and Food Supply (4 units) (ES, GP)
- GEOG 642/ERTH 642 Watershed Assessment and Restoration (4 units)
- GEOG 644 Water Quality (3 units)
- GEOG 646 The Geography of Marine Resources (4 units)
- GEOG 647 Geography of Water Resources (4 units)
- GEOG 651/USP 651 San Francisco Bay Area Environmental Issues (4 units) (UD-B, ES)
- GEOG 652/USP 652 Environmental Impact Analysis (4 units)
- GEOG 657/ENVS 657 Natural Resource Management: Biotic Resources (4 units)
GEOG 666 Geography of Garbage: Recycling and Waste Reduction (3 units) (ES)
GEOG 667/USP 515 Environmental Justice: Race, Poverty, and the Environment (4 units) (ES, GP, SJ)
GEOG 668/USP 513/PLSI 513 Politics, Law, and the Urban Environment (4 units)
Supplementary courses in Environmental Studies are also recommended on advisement.

**Physical Geography**
In these courses, students study physical patterns and processes involving landforms, climate, biogeography, soils, and water.
Courses central to the specialization include:
- GEOG 312 Geography of Landforms (4 units)
- GEOG 313 Earth’s Climate System (4 units)
- GEOG 314 Bioclimatology (4 units)
- GEOG 316 Biogeography (4 units)
- GEOG 317 Geography of Soils (4 units)
- GEOG 342/ERTH 442 Surface Water Hydrology (4 units)
Supporting courses include:
- GEOG 602 Field Methods in Physical Geography (4 units)
- GEOG 642/ERTH 642 Watershed Assessment and Restoration (4 units)
- GEOG 643/ERTH 643 Biogeomorphology of Sierra Nevada Streams and Meadows (2 units)
- GEOG 644 Water Quality (3 units)
- GEOG 647 Geography of Water Resources (4 units)
- GEOG 657/ENVS 657 Natural Resource Management: Biotic Resources (4 units)
Supplementary courses in Environmental Studies are also recommended on advisement.

**Resource Management**
A central theme in geography is the use and abuse of natural resources. Courses central to this specialization include:
- GEOG 317 Geography of Soils (4 units)
- GEOG 425 Economic Geography (3 units)
- GEOG 427 Agriculture and Food Supply (4 units) (ES, GP)
- GEOG 600/ENVS 600 Environmental Problems and Solutions (3 units) (UD-D, ES, GP)
- GEOG 602 Field Methods in Physical Geography (4 units)
- GEOG 603 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3 units)
- GEOG 610 Remote Sensing of the Environment I (4 units)
- GEOG 611 Remote Sensing of the Environment II (4 units)
- GEOG 620 Geographical Information Systems (4 units)
- GEOG 621 Geographic Information Systems for Environmental Analysis (4 units)
- GEOG 625 Programming for Geographic Information Science (4 units)
- GEOG 629 Coastal and Marine Applications of GIS (3 units)

**Urban Environment, Transportation, and Land Use**
This specialization offers an opportunity to acquire foundational knowledge to prepare for entry-level careers and graduate work. Key courses include:
- GEOG 422 Environmental Perception (3 units)
- GEOG 423/WGS 423 Geographic Perspectives on Gender, Environment, and Development (3 units)
- GEOG 425 Economic Geography (3 units)
- GEOG 427 Agriculture and Food Supply (4 units) (ES, GP)
- GEOG 432/USP 432 Urban Geography (4 units) (ES, GP)
- GEOG 433/USP 433 Urban Transportation (4 units)
- GEOG 434/HD 434 Geographies of Health and Health Care (3 units)
- GEOG 435 Geography of Global Transportation (4 units)
- GEOG 437 Bicycle Geographies (4 units)
- GEOG 455 Geography of Ethnic Communities (3 units) (AERM, SJ)
- GEOG 601 Field Methods in Human Geography (3 units)
- GEOG 603 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3 units)
- GEOG 651/USP 651 San Francisco Bay Area Environmental Issues (4 units) (UD-B, ES)
- GEOG 652/USP 652 Environmental Impact Analysis (4 units)
- GEOG 658/USP 658 Land-Use Planning (4 units)
- GEOG 666 Geography of Garbage: Recycling and Waste Reduction (3 units) (ES)
- GEOG 667/USP 515 Environmental Justice: Race, Poverty, and the Environment (4 units) (ES, GP, SJ)
Upper-division courses in Urban Studies are particularly appropriate as well.

**Geographic Information Science**
This theme concentrates on methods of spatial analysis and mapping, including GIS, cartography, and remote sensing.

Data Acquisition in the field
- GEOG 601 Field Methods in Human Geography (3 units)
- GEOG 602 Field Methods in Physical Geography (4 units)
Data Analysis in the lab
- GEOG 603 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3 units)
- GEOG 606 Cartography (3 units)