

Geography (BA)

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
GRG 305	This Human World: An Introduction to Geography	3
<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>		3
GOV 310L	American and Texas Government	3
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
GRG 401C	The Natural Environment	4
<u>Mathematics (020)</u>		3
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing	3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>		3
Hours		16
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: GRG course (Methods & Techniques)		3
Hours chosen from: GRG course		3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: GRG course (Physical Geography)		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
Hours chosen from: GRG course (concentration)		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
Hours chosen from: GRG course (concentration)		3
Hours chosen from: GRG course (Methods & Techniques)		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		3
GRG 322D	Human Health and the Environment	3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Hours chosen from: GRG course (concentration)		3
Hours chosen from: GRG course (Human Geography)		3
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		3
GRG 301C	The Natural Environment	3
E 316N	World Literature	3
GOV 312L	Issues and Policies in American Government	3
Hours		15

Semester 2	
Free Elective	11
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>	3
Hours	14
Total Hours	120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy General Education requirements, including Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Hours
Concentration		
Hours chosen from one of the following concentrations:		9
Geographic information science		
Cultural geography		
Sustainability		
General geography (designed for students who do not wish to specialize at the undergraduate level)		
Urban geography		
Earth science		
Landscape ecology and biogeography		
Subtotal		9
Major		
GRG 301C	The Natural Environment	3
Hours chosen from: GRG course (Physical Geography)		3
GRG 305	This Human World: An Introduction to Geography	3
Hours chosen from: GRG course (Human Geography)		3
Hours chosen from: GRG course (Methods & Techniques)		6
Subtotal		18
Degree (see details below)		51
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		12
Subtotal		63
General Education		
<u>Remaining Core Curriculum (42 hours total)</u>		30
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		
Subtotal		30
<u>College Requirements - Liberal Arts</u>		
<u>General University Requirements</u>		
Total Hours		120

Additional Requirements and Policies

Courses used to fulfill the core geography requirement may not be counted toward the completion of a concentration. Lists of courses that fulfill the core geography requirement and of courses in each track are available in the Department of Geography and the Environment.

Degree - Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Liberal Arts

Code	Title	Hours
Degree		
<u>Literature and Writing</u>		
RHE 306	Rhetoric and Writing (Plan II honors requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	3

Hours chosen from: <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)	3
Hours chosen from: Upper-division <u>Writing intensive coursework-see course list</u> (may also count toward Core Curriculum; Plan II honors requires at least a C-)	6
Choose a sequence below:	12
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
E 303C Plan II World Literature Part I or T C 303C Plan II World Literature Part I	
Sequence 2: Plan I	
E 316L British Literature or E 316M American Literature or E 316N World Literature	
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>	3
<i>Choose a sequence below: Social Science</i>	3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors (requires at least a C-; may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
S S 302C Honors Social Science: Methods and Theory or S S 302D Honors Social Science: Psychology or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology or S S 302E Honors Social Science: Anthropology or S S 302F Honors Social Science: Economics	
Sequence 2: Plan I	
<u>Additional Social Science (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	
<i>Mathematics</i>	
Choose a sequence below: (M 301, M 316K, and M 316L do not count toward this requirement)	3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
M 310P Modern Mathematics: Plan II	
Sequence 2: Plan I	
Hours chosen from: Mathematics	
<i>Choose a sequence below:</i>	3
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
T C 310 Modes of Reasoning or PHL 313QLogic and Scientific Reasoning	
Sequence 2: Plan I	
<u>Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought (may not also be counted toward Core Curriculum)</u>	
<i>Choose a sequence below:</i>	15
Sequence 1: Plan II Honors	
Six Hours chosen from: Astronomy, biology, chemistry, geological sciences, physical science, or physics (may also count toward Core Curriculum)	
BIO 301E Problems in Modern Biology	
PHY 321 Modern Physics: Plan II	
Three Hours chosen from:	
Art history, music history, or history of theatre and dance	
Upper-division classical civilization, humanities, literature, or philosophy	
Sequence 2: Plan I International Relations and Global Studies	
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.	
Sequence 3: Other Plan I	
Hours chosen from:	

<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Liberal Arts multi-disciplinary minor in Cultural Expression, Human Experience, and Thought	
Total Hours	51

Additional Requirements and Policies

Unless otherwise stated, students must complete at least:

- 15 upper-division degree hours
- 24 upper-division degree hours taken in residence at the University
- 36 additional degree hours taken in residence at the University.

Credit may be earned via credit by examination, extension, or transferred hours from another institution (requires dean's approval).

Major and minor required hours may also be used to fulfill degree requirements unless expressly prohibited.

A course in one degree area may not also be used to fulfill the requirements of another degree area unless specified otherwise.

Mathematics courses at the college algebra level may not count toward elective hours.

Majors

A major consists of 24 to 45 hours, with at least 15 upper-division hours unless the requirements of the major state otherwise.

Students must earn at least:

- 18 major hours taken in residence at the University.
- 6 upper-division major hours taken in residence at the University
- a 2.00 grade point average for in-residence major hours taken at the University unless a higher minimum scholastic requirement is specified for the major.

Minors

Students must get permission from their College of Liberal Arts academic advisor to pursue more than one transcript-recognized minor or certificate per major. The academic advisor will approve or deny the request after considering the student's long-term educational and professional goals and the student's ability to graduate within 4 years of entering the University.

Students should consult the department offering the course before planning to use it to fulfill the minor requirement.

Hours used to fulfill the requirements for a minor must be taken on the letter-grade basis.

See University Minor and Certificate policies here.