



College of: Arts & Sciences

Degree/Major: BS/Geography

Academic Year: 2014-15

Proposed Four-Year Degree Plan

The following is an example 8-semester plan. This is used to illustrate the course sequencing and the expectations for course loading. Students may use this as a guide as they plan their undergraduate education, but should adjust it to fit their personal goals. Students are responsible for completing requirements in the official degree sheet for each major. It is mandatory for a student to meet with an academic advisor prior to course enrollment each semester.

Assumption: Entering students have 2 years of a foreign language from high school

Current Course Rotation: (F) = Fall only (S) = Spring only (+) = Course offered every other year
Students must refer to the current course catalog for the availability of course offerings as well as visit with their academic advisor to find out about any special offerings.

Year One					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
A&S	1111	Freshman Orientation	ENGL	1213	Freshman Composition II
ENGL	1113	Freshman Composition I	HIST	1103	Survey of American History
MATH	1483	or 1513		3 hours	Social Science (not GEOG)
POLS	1113	Intro to American Government		3 hours	Arts & Humanities (not GEOG)
GEOG	1113 or 2253	Cultural Geography (I) or World Regional Geography (I)	GEOG	1114	Physical Geography
	3 hours	Humanities (not GEOG)			
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 16 credit hours		
Getting involved with student organizations will further your classroom experiences.			Registering at Career services is free, and gives you countless opportunities.		

Year Two					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	3 hours	Upper-Division Gen Ed Controlled Electives (not GEOG)	GEOG	4203	Fundamentals of GIS
	3 hours	Natural & Mathematical Sciences (not GEOG)		3 hours	Natural & Mathematical Sciences (not GEOG)
	3 hours	Electives		3 hours	Electives
GEOG	2344	Digital Tools for Environmental Exploration	STAT	2013 or 2023 or 2053	Elementary Statistics or Elementary Statistics for Business or Elementary Statistics for Social Sciences
	3 hours	Humanities (not GEOG)		4 hours	Natural Science (not GEOG)
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 16 credit hours		
Interested in Study Abroad? This would be a good time to visit the Study Abroad Office.			Start looking into 2nd Major or Minor; most minors are 15 - 18 hours.		

Summer After Year Two	
GEOG 4940 Summer Internship Recommended, used as Upper-Division GEOG Electives	
Total: 3-6 credit hours	

Year Three					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	3 hours	Upper-Division Social Science with Diversity (not GEOG)	GEOG	4323	Computer Cartography (S)
	3 hours	Upper-Division Related (not GEOG)	GEOG	3 hours	GEOG Electives
GEOG	4333 or 4343 or 4353	Remote Sensing (F+) or GIS: Resource Management App (F) or GIS: Socioeconomic App (F)	GEOG	3 hours	Upper-Division GEOG Electives
GEOG	3333	Spatial Analysis (F)		3 hours	Upper-Division Related (not GEOG)
	3 hours	Electives (not GEOG)		3 hours	Electives (not GEOG)
Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Interested in an internship? This is an ideal time to research possibilities.			Interested in law school or graduate school, start planning to take LSAT or GRE Exam.		

Between Years Three and Four, contact your advisor about an official graduation check.

Year Four					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
GEOG	4313	Field Techniques & Geodata Collection (F)	GEOG	4510(3) or 4993	Senior Project or Honors Thesis or Upper-Division GEOG Electives
GEOG	3 hours	Upper-Division GEOG Electives	GEOG	3 hours	Upper-Division GEOG Electives
GEOG	3 hours	Upper-Division GEOG Electives	GEOG	3 hours	Upper-Division GEOG Electives
	5 hours	Electives (not GEOG)		3 hours	Electives (not GEOG)
Total: 14 credit hours			Total: 12 credit hours		
Be prepared to apply for Spring graduation this semester. Check on 2nd Major or Minor.			Celebrate your accomplishment at May Graduation with your fellow Cowboys!!		

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

The College of Arts & Sciences requires 6 hours Upper-Division General Education outside the major department.

Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

Hours in one department in excess of 54 will be added to the minimum total of 120 required for graduation.

1. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

a. No more than two courses (or eight hours) from the major department may be used to meet General Education and College and Departmental Requirements. The General Education Controlled Elective required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, and one required MATH course do not count against the two-course maximum.

b. The Diversity, International Dimension, Scientific Investigation and Non-Western requirements may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).

c. Courses in the major department may not be used to satisfy the College requirement for six hours upper-division General Education.

2. A&S COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from ART, HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except 1313 and 3003), REL, TH, creative writing, foreign languages (second year and above), linguistics and literature. No more than six hours may be music or theatre performance or art studio.

b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, BOT, CHEM, CS (except 4883), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PHYS, STAT and ZOOL; or courses from other departments that carry an (A) or (N) general education designation.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

a. Not applicable to this degree.

b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second year level of study). It may also be satisfied by any of the options listed above for the B.A.

c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing secondary education teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 5 hours college credit in the same language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination equivalent to 5 hours of college credit).

4. EXCLUSIONS

a. Courses used to satisfy the English Composition, American History and Government requirement will not count toward the 54 hour maximum allowed from one department.

b. Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit in the College of Arts & Sciences.