



College of: Arts & Sciences

Degree/Major: BA/Geography

Academic Year: 2016-17

Proposed Four-Year Degree Plan (120 Total Hours)

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.

Assumptions: Entering students have sufficient preparation to place into STAT 2013 (Elementary Statistics).

Current Course Rotation: (F) = Fall only (Sp) = Spring only

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	First Year Seminar	ENGL	1213	Freshman Composition II
ENGL	1113	Freshman Composition I	HIST	1103	Survey of American History
STAT	2013	Elementary Statistics (or 2023 or 2053)	GEOG	1114	Physical Geography (N,L)
	5 hours	1 st semester foreign language		5 hours	2 nd semester foreign language
GEOG	1113 or 1713	Cultural Geography (I) or World Regional Geography (I)			
Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Get involved with student organizations to further your experiences.			Registering at Career services is free, and gives you countless opportunities.		

Year Two					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
POLS	1113	Intro to American Government		3 hours	Social Sciences (S) with Diversity (D) (not GEOG)
	3 hours	Arts & Humanities (not GEOG)		2 hours	Additional General Education (not GEOG)
	3 hours	Humanities (H) (not GEOG)		3 hours	Natural & Math Sciences (not GEOG)
GEOG	2344	Digital Tools for Environmental Exploration (recommended for Natural Science & Additional General Education)	GEOG	4203	Fundamentals of GIS
	3 hours	Electives		4 hours	Electives
Total: 16 credit hours			Total: 15 credit hours		
Interested in Study Abroad? Visit the Study Abroad Office.			Start looking into 2nd Major or Minor; most minors are 15 - 18 hours.		

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

Year Three					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	3 hours	Upper-Division Additional General Education (not GEOG)		3 hours	Upper-Division Humanities (H) with Non-Western (not GEOG)
GEOG	3333	Spatial Analysis (F)	GEOG	4323	Computer Cartography (Sp)
GEOG	3 hours	Upper-Division GEOG Electives	GEOG	3 hours	GEOG Electives
	3 hours	Upper-Division Related (not GEOG)	GEOG	3 hours	Upper-Division GEOG Electives
	3 hours	Electives (not GEOG)		3 hours	Upper-Division Related (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 or graduate school, start planning to take LSAT or GRE.		

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

Year Four					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	3 hours	Additional General Education (not GEOG)		3 hours	Arts & Humanities (not GEOG)
	3 hours	Arts & Humanities (not GEOG)	GEOG	4510(3) or 4993 or 3 hours	Senior Project or Honors Thesis or Upper-Division GEOG Electives
GEOG	4313	Field Techniques & Geodata Collection (F)	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		2 hours	Elective (not GEOG)
Total: 15 credit hours			Total: 14 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.

At least 60 hours must be completed at a four-year institution. At least 30 hours must be completed at OSU.

15 of the final 30 hours completed, or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field must be completed at OSU.

Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.

1. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

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 required English Composition, required U.S. History, required American Government, one required MATH or STAT course, and required foreign language for B.A. degrees do not count against the two-course maximum.

2. A&S COLLEGE/DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, ENGL (except 3323) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except 1313, 3003 and 4003), REL, TH, and foreign languages (second year and above). 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.

c. The required six hours of upper-division General Education may not include courses from the student's major department. This requirement 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).

d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A. – consult academic advisor

e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 10 hours college credit in the same language, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; completing a second-year or higher college-level course in the language, etc.).

b. In addition to a., 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 General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements 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.