MASTER OF SCIENCE (M.S.) MAJOR IN GEOGRAPHY

Major Program
The geography degree is designed to give highly qualified students exposure to geographic theory and research at the predoctoral level. Programmatic emphases include environmental geography, geographic education, geographic information science, and other specialty areas in geography represented by the current active research interests of the faculty.

Financial Assistance
Graduate assistantships are available to qualified candidates. Please contact the graduate program coordinator in the Department of Geography for more information about financial assistance and the degree programs. For scholarship information, please visit The Graduate College website at http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/funding.html.

Application Requirements
The items listed below are required for admission consideration for applicable semesters of entry during the 2017-2018 academic year. Submission instructions, additional details, and changes to admission requirements for semesters other than the 2017-2018 academic year can be found on the program’s web page (http://gradcollege.txstate.edu/programs). International students should review the International Admission Documents (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate/admission-documents/international) section of the catalog for additional requirements.

- completed online ApplyTexas application
- $40 nonrefundable application fee
- $50 nonrefundable international evaluation fee (if applicable)
- baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited university
- official transcripts required from each institution where course credit was granted
- minimum 3.4 GPA in your last 60 hours of undergraduate course work (plus any completed graduate courses)
- official GRE scores required with a preferred minimum of 303 (verbal and quantitative sections combined)
- resume/CV
- statement of purpose
- three letters of recommendation

TOEFL or IELTS Scores
Non-native English speakers who do not qualify for an English proficiency waiver:

- official TOEFL iBT scores required with a 78 overall
- official IELTS (academic) scores required with a 6.5 overall and
  - minimum individual module scores of 6.0

This program does not offer admission if the scores above are not met.

Degree Requirements
The Master of Science (M.S.) major in Geography requires 30 semester credit hours.

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Choose 15 hours of electives from the table below including a minimum 6 hours of 7000-level course work

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Most of the course options for completion of the 15 hours of electives are those currently afforded to doctoral students. By taking these doctoral-level courses and interacting with doctoral students and core Ph.D. faculty, master’s students will gain entry into the world of high-level academic and professional research in geography. Graduates of the programs may qualify for admission into the geography Ph.D. programs at Texas State or in doctoral programs in geography at other universities. Those who do not wish to seek doctorates may be qualified for research-oriented positions with public-sector agencies and private-sector firms and for teaching in community colleges.

All students are also subject to the policies and procedures outlined in the departmental graduate student handbook available from the departmental graduate staff advisor.

If a student elects to follow the thesis option for the degree, a committee to direct the written thesis will be established. The thesis must demonstrate the student’s capability for research and independent thought. Preparation of the thesis must be in conformity with the Graduate College Guide to Preparing and Submitting a Thesis or Dissertation.


The student must submit an official Thesis Proposal Form (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu/forms.html) and proposal to his or her thesis committee. Thesis proposals vary by department and discipline. Please see your department for proposal guidelines and requirements. After signing the form and obtaining committee members’ signatures, the graduate advisor’s signature if required by the program and the department chair’s signature, the student must submit the Thesis Proposal Form with one copy of the proposal attached to the dean of The Graduate College for approval before proceeding with research on the thesis. If the thesis research involves human subjects, the student must obtain exemption or approval from the Texas State Institutional Review Board prior to submitting the proposal form to The Graduate College. If the thesis research involves vertebrate animals, the proposal form must include the Texas State IACUC approval code. It is recommended that the thesis proposal form be submitted to the dean of The Graduate College by the end of the student’s enrollment in 5399A. Failure to submit the thesis proposal in a timely fashion may result in delayed graduation.

Thesis Committee

The thesis committee must be composed of a minimum of three approved graduate faculty members.

Thesis Enrollment and Credit

The completion of a minimum of six hours of thesis enrollment is required. For a student’s initial thesis course enrollment, the student will need to register for thesis course number 5399A. After that, the student will enroll in thesis B courses in their field, e.g., ENG 5399A, ENG 5199B, ENG 5299B, ENG 5399B, ENG 5599B, and ENG 5999B, in each subsequent semester until the thesis is defended with the department and approved by The Graduate College. Preliminary discussions regarding the selection of a topic and assignment to a research supervisor will not require enrollment for the thesis course.

Students must be enrolled in thesis credits if they are receiving supervision and/or are using university resources related to their thesis work. The number of thesis credit hours students enroll in must reflect the amount of work being done on the thesis that semester. It is the responsibility of the committee chair to ensure that students are making adequate progress toward their degree throughout the thesis process. Failure to register for the thesis course during a term in which supervision is received may result in postponement of graduation. After initial enrollment in 5399A, the student will continue to enroll in a thesis B course as long as it takes to complete the thesis. Thesis projects are by definition original and individualized projects. As such, depending on the topic, methodology, and other factors, some projects may take longer than others to complete. If the thesis requires work beyond the minimum number of thesis credits needed for the degree, the student may enroll in additional thesis credits at the committee chair’s discretion. In the rare case when a student has not previously enrolled in thesis and plans to work on and complete the thesis in one term, the student will enroll in both 5399A and 5399B.

The only grades assigned for thesis courses are PR (progress), CR (credit), W (withdrawal), and F (failing). If acceptable progress is not being made in a thesis course, the instructor may issue a grade of F. If the student is making acceptable progress, a grade of PR is assigned until the thesis is completed. The minimum number of hours of thesis credit (“CR”) will be awarded only after the thesis has been both approved by The Graduate College and released to Alkek Library.

A student who has selected the thesis option must be registered for the thesis course during the term or Summer I (during the summer, the thesis course runs ten weeks for both sessions) in which the degree will be conferred.

Fee Reduction

A master’s degree candidate for graduation may be eligible for a one-time fee reduction under V.T.C.A. Education Code, Section 54.054. Please refer to the section titled Fee Reduction in the Additional Fees and Expenses chapter of this catalog for more information.

Thesis Deadlines and Approval Process

Thesis deadlines are posted on The Graduate College (http://www.gradcollege.txstate.edu) website under “Current Students.” The completed thesis must be submitted to the chair of the thesis committee on or before the deadlines listed on The Graduate College website.

The following must be submitted to The Graduate College by the thesis deadline listed on The Graduate College website:

1. The Thesis Submission Approval Form bearing original (wet) and/or electronic signatures of the student and all committee members.
2. One (1) PDF of the thesis in final form, approved by all committee members, uploaded in the online Vireo submission system.

After the dean of The Graduate College approves the thesis, Alkek Library will harvest the document from the Vireo submission system for publishing in the Digital Collections database (according to the student’s embargo selection). NOTE: MFA theses will have a permanent embargo and will never be published to Digital Collections.
While original (wet) signatures are preferred, there may be situations as determined by the chair of the committee in which obtaining original signatures is inefficient or has the potential to delay the student’s progress. In those situations, the following methods of signing are acceptable:

- signing and faxing the form
- signing, scanning, and emailing the form
- notifying the department in an email from their university's or institution's email account that the committee chair can sign the form on their behalf
- electronically signing the form using the university’s licensed signature platform.

If this process results in more than one document with signatures, all documents need to be submitted to The Graduate College together.

No copies are required to be submitted to Alkek Library. However, the library will bind copies submitted that the student wants bound for personal use. Personal copies are not required to be printed on archival quality paper. The student will take the personal copies to Alkek Library and pay the binding fee for personal copies.

Master’s level courses in Geography: GEO

**Courses Offered**

**Geography (GEO)**

**GEO 5150. Practicum in Teaching Geography.**
An introduction to key concepts and practices in teaching Geography. Provides regular in-service training and planned periodic evaluations of instructional responsibilities. Required for first-year instructional assistants in the Geography Department. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis. 2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Course Attribute(s):** Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA

**Grade Mode:** Leveling/Assistantships

**GEO 5190. Independent Study.**
Individual study under direct supervision of a professor. May involve geographic field trips. GEO 5190, GEO 5290, and GEO 5390 may be taken for a total of six semester hours of credit. Enrollment requires consent of the instructor. 1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**GEO 5199B. Thesis.**
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis. 2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Credit/No Credit

**GEO 5250. Practicum in Teaching Geography.**
An introduction to key concepts and practices in teaching Geography. Provides regular in-service training and planned periodic evaluations of instructional responsibilities. Required for first-year instructional assistants in the Geography Department. This course does not earn graduate degree credit. Graded on a credit (CR), no-credit (F) basis. 2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Course Attribute(s):** Graduate Assistantship|Exclude from Graduate GPA

**Grade Mode:** Leveling/Assistantships

**GEO 5290. Independent Study.**
Individual study under direct supervision of a professor. May involve geographic field trips. GEO 5190, GEO 5290, and GEO 5390 may be taken for a total of six semester hours of credit. Enrollment requires consent of the instructor. 2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**GEO 5299B. Thesis.**
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis. 2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Credit/No Credit

**GEO 5300. Applied Research Design and Techniques.**
Students will be introduced to appropriate research methods for applied geographers. Emphasis will be placed on the scientific method, productive library research, data collection and analysis, fieldwork, effective writing, and the nature of graphic representation. 3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**GEO 5301. Multivariate Quantitative Methods.**
The use of multivariate descriptive and inferential statistics as applied to geographic data and problems, beginning with the general linear model and including topics such as multiple regression, principal components analysis, discriminant analysis, and clustering algorithms. Prerequisite: GEO 3301 or equivalent. 3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**GEO 5308. Regional Field Studies.**
Study of geographic phenomena during field excursions to a particular site or region. Students will study the physical and/or cultural environments through off-campus field experience. Students will research, analyze, and report on major regional geographic features. Repeatable once for additional credit with a different site or region. 3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**GEO 5309. Geographical Analysis.**
A survey of typical spatial problems of interest to geographers, with emphasis on current research and application being undertaken by the faculty in the Department of Geography. Topics include environmental geography, geographic education, land use and regional development, and cartographic representation and geographic information theory. 3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**GEO 5312. Managing Urbanization.**
Survey methods and procedures related to managing and preparing for urban growth. Selected topics for examination include transportation planning, housing, historic preservation, and environmental design. 3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

**GEO 5313. Environmental Management.**
An analysis of the major causes of environmental deterioration together with the basic strategies of dealing with these problems. 3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter
GEO 5314. Geographic Elements of Environmental Law.
A survey of environmental laws related to land, air, and water pollution. The nature of environmental problems will be studied as they relate to urbanization, industrialization, land development, noise, radiation and solid waste management, and the laws and guidelines that have been passed to alleviate such problems
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5315. Advanced Regional Studies.
Course focus is the region. Case studies will be selected from political and functional regions. Course content will include such information as demographics, economy, physical and social environments, transportation, and foreign trade. May be repeated for credit with a different topic
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5316. Applied Physical Geography.
This course is a survey of methods and techniques used in the collection, analysis, and evaluation of information relating to problems within the physical environment. Emphasis will be on problems characteristic of particular geographic locations or specific environmental settings. Repeatable once for additional credit with a different topic
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5317. Seminar in Applied Human Geography.
A focus on the methods and techniques used in the collection, analysis, and evaluation of information relating to problems within the human geographical environment. Emphasis will be on problems pertaining to particular geographic locations or special environmental settings. Repeatable once for additional credit with a different topic
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course serves as an in-depth introduction to the physical, social, and environmental landscapes of the region of the U.S.-Mexico Border. The course applies an interdisciplinary perspective to geographic understanding of the environmental and health-related issues experienced by residents of the borderlands. Special attention is given to management and planning solutions to the region’s problems
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5319. Seminar in Nature and Heritage Tourism.
This seminar focuses on the special geographic issues of nature and heritage tourism. Particular emphasis is placed on sites and activities, costs and benefits, commoditization and authenticity, resource protection, and substantive learning content of nature and heritage tourism activities
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5320. Applied Physical Geography.
This course is a survey of methods and techniques used in the collection, analysis, and evaluation of information relating to problems within the physical environment. Emphasis will be on problems characteristic of particular geographic locations or specific environmental settings. Repeatable once for additional credit with a different topic
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5321. Advanced Regional Studies.
Course focus is the region. Case studies will be selected from political and functional regions. Course content will include such information as demographics, economy, physical and social environments, transportation, and foreign trade. May be repeated for credit with a different topic
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5322. Interpretive Environmental Geography.
Students learn to use geographic theories and concepts to provide holistic and thematic interpretation of environmental information, as specified by interpretive principles. Students also learn advanced use of traditional and digital presentation techniques and research methods, which include audience assessment and program evaluation
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5323. Location Analysis.
Factors of importance in the decision-making process of locating both public and private sector facilities. Attention will be paid to the location of manufacturing activities, commercial enterprises, and a variety of social service facilities
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5324. Applied Water Resources.
Application of techniques employed in water management including flood hazards, water supply assessment, and water management strategies. Students will apply principles to specific watersheds and water problems including the analysis of various physical, land use, and legal parameters
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5325. Environmental Geography of the Coastal Zone.
Investigation of the physical geographic factors associated with the coastal zone and the role of human activities in problems and opportunities characteristic of this environment
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5326. Parks and Protected Places.
This course serves as an in-depth introduction to the philosophy, establishment, and operation of public parks, wildlife refuges, protected areas, non-governmental preserves and historic sites. Students will be introduced to the scientific and policy rationale for the creation of such areas as well as methods of classification and acquisition
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5327. Historical Geography of the Environment.
This course will introduce students to ideas, concepts, and literature in historical geography of the environment. It will explore methods used to document past environments and examine environmental changes, and it will analyze the distinctions between historical geography and related fields of study
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5328. Geography of Natural Hazards.
There are five areas of hazards that this course covers: (1) the interdisciplinary nature of natural hazards with emphasis on the role of geography and planning; (2) the geophysical causes of natural hazards; (3) human impact and response to natural disasters; (4) planning and management of hazards; and (5) issues and challenges facing the Third World
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5329. Historical Geography of the Environment.
This course will introduce students to ideas, concepts, and literature in historical geography of the environment. It will explore methods used to document past environments and examine environmental changes, and it will analyze the distinctions between historical geography and related fields of study
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5330. Geography of the Hazards of Technology.
An investigation of the theories, methods, issues, and concepts of the major themes in geographic research on technological hazards. This course will focus on the study of spatial problems associated with technologies and the application of research to real-world management of hazards
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5331. Environmental Geography of the Coastal Zone.
Investigation of the physical geographic factors associated with the coastal zone and the role of human activities in problems and opportunities characteristic of this environment
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5332. Environmental Geography of the Coastal Zone.
Investigation of the physical geographic factors associated with the coastal zone and the role of human activities in problems and opportunities characteristic of this environment
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5333. Applied Water Resources.
Application of techniques employed in water management including flood hazards, water supply assessment, and water management strategies. Students will apply principles to specific watersheds and water problems including the analysis of various physical, land use, and legal parameters
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
GEO 5370. Seminar in Applied Physical Geography.
Critical analysis of theories, models, and techniques of physical geographic research with the focus on application to real-world problems. Repeatable once for additional credit with a different topic
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5351. Regional Waste Management.
The principles of effective solid waste planning and management will be examined as they relate to such activities as waste generation, storage and collection, transfer and transportation, processing and volume reduction, resource conservation and recovery, the disposal of wastes, and the handling of special wastes, particularly those of a toxic and hazardous nature
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5352. Air Quality Management.
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

This course provides an overview of the most important aspects of emergency management at all geographic scales, with emphasis on local, regional, and federal levels. Best practices and proper methodologies are emphasized as well as ways that students can develop the skills and capabilities for a career in this field
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5354. Seminar in Geographic Curriculum.
A survey and discussion of major curricula in geographic education. Geography will be viewed as a school subject that is part of the social studies, as an element of interdisciplinary studies, and as a stand-alone subject
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5350. Practicum in Geographic Education.
The content and methods needed for teaching geography in the schools. Emphasis will be on those essential elements that will allow teachers to satisfy current public school curriculum requirements. Preparation of a grade-level specific teaching unit is required
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5338. Transportation Systems.
The principles and procedures of transportation planning and management will be examined. Transport theory will be discussed as well as the characteristics of various model systems. The effectiveness of federal, state, regional, and local programs and policies will be analyzed. Special emphasis will be placed on mass transit, particularly in view of changes in urban structure and the high costs of energy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5337. Environmental Planning.
A critical analysis of existing theories, models, and techniques of planning with an emphasis on land development, land management, and land policy development procedures. Geographic methods for land management will be examined. Transport theory will be discussed as well as the characteristics of various model systems. The effectiveness of federal, state, regional, and local programs and policies will be analyzed. Special emphasis will be placed on the development of land management and land policy development procedures
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5336. Transportation Systems.
The principles and procedures of transportation planning and management will be examined. Transport theory will be discussed as well as the characteristics of various model systems. The effectiveness of federal, state, regional, and local programs and policies will be analyzed. Special emphasis will be placed on mass transit, particularly in view of changes in urban structure and the high costs of energy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5335. Directed Research.
A course designed to allow the student to pursue a topic of applied geographic research under the direct supervision of a professor. Generally, the topic will be something that is not customarily dealt with in an organized class. Group research is encouraged. Topics should be selected that involve library research and field investigation. Progress is monitored regularly by the supervising professor
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5339. The Geography of Land Management.
This course explores U.S. land management philosophies, techniques, and development approaches. Major topics include land ethics/philosophies, U.S. traditions in cadastral geography, urban sprawl and green development, land conservation techniques, the role of local/state/federal regulations in land management, and the human environmental impacts of land development
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5344. Seminar in Geographic Curriculum.
A survey and discussion of major curricula in geographic education. Geography will be viewed as a school subject that is part of the social studies, as an element of interdisciplinary studies, and as a stand-alone subject
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5349. Population Geography.
An in-depth study of the spatial distribution and movement of human populations. Course will emphasize current issues and analytical techniques. Topics will include the impact of population growth, spatial diffusion processes, migration trends and theories, explanation of regional demographic differences, and techniques such as population projections
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5343. Computer Technology in Geographic Education.
The course emphasizes the applications and theoretical implications of computers in geographic education, particularly the interplay between instructional technology and educational purpose and practice in geography
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5342. Seminar: Theory and Methods of Geographic Education.
A critical analysis of previous and current literature concerning problems in pedagogy, philosophy, teaching theory, research methods, teaching methodologies, and techniques of geographic education. A research paper will be required of each student on a topic related to the course content
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5341. Contemporary Issues in Geographic Education.
This course examines current approaches to teaching geography in American education. Specific attention will be given to new classroom materials, curriculum reform efforts, and research developments
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5340. Practicum in Geographic Education.
The content and methods needed for teaching geography in the schools. Emphasis will be on those essential elements that will allow teachers to satisfy current public school curriculum requirements. Preparation of a grade-level specific teaching unit is required
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5339. The Geography of Land Management.
This course explores U.S. land management philosophies, techniques, and development approaches. Major topics include land ethics/philosophies, U.S. traditions in cadastral geography, urban sprawl and green development, land conservation techniques, the role of local/state/federal regulations in land management, and the human environmental impacts of land development
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5338. Transportation Systems.
The principles and procedures of transportation planning and management will be examined. Transport theory will be discussed as well as the characteristics of various model systems. The effectiveness of federal, state, regional, and local programs and policies will be analyzed. Special emphasis will be placed on mass transit, particularly in view of changes in urban structure and the high costs of energy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5337. Environmental Planning.
A critical analysis of existing theories, models, and techniques of planning with an emphasis on land development, land management, and land policy development procedures. Geographic methods for land management will be examined. Transport theory will be discussed as well as the characteristics of various model systems. The effectiveness of federal, state, regional, and local programs and policies will be analyzed. Special emphasis will be placed on the development of land management and land policy development procedures
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5336. Transportation Systems.
The principles and procedures of transportation planning and management will be examined. Transport theory will be discussed as well as the characteristics of various model systems. The effectiveness of federal, state, regional, and local programs and policies will be analyzed. Special emphasis will be placed on mass transit, particularly in view of changes in urban structure and the high costs of energy
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5335. Directed Research.
A course designed to allow the student to pursue a topic of applied geographic research under the direct supervision of a professor. Generally, the topic will be something that is not customarily dealt with in an organized class. Group research is encouraged. Topics should be selected that involve library research and field investigation. Progress is monitored regularly by the supervising professor
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
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### GEO 5380. Internship.
Application of techniques of applied geography in an actual on-the-job setting. Internships will be arranged and supervised by the Internship Director. May be repeated once for additional credit. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis.

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### GEO 5390. Independent Study.
Individual study under direct supervision of a professor. May involve geographic field trips. GEO 5190, GEO 5290, and GEO 5390 may be taken for a total of six semester hours of credit.

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### GEO 5391. Foundation Studies in Geography.
Students develop knowledge and skills required for success in graduate-level coursework in Geography. Course content varies depending on academic preparation. This course does not earn graduate credit. Repeatable with different emphasis. Prerequisite: Approval of graduate advisor in Geography.

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### GEO 5393A. Qualitative Methods.
This course introduces the qualitative research paradigm, including appropriate research design, methods of data collection, types of inductive analysis and evaluation, as well as, standards of rigor for research that calls for a deeper understanding of more complex human relationships. The focus and application will be oriented towards human geography.

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### GEO 5393B. Biogeography in Mountain Environments.
This course examines how plants and animals interact with and affect geomorphological processes and landforms, and how geomorphological processes, landforms and geological factors affect spatial distribution of animals and plants; all within the environmental limitation and conditions of mountains. The role of humans in affecting these interrelationships will be emphasized.

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### GEO 5393C. Exploring Spatial Databases.
This course covers principles of spatial ontologies and spatial semantics to facilitate appropriate database conceptualization, design and implementation. Course assignments and projects will provide in-depth experience with database query languages. Many DBMSs will be reviewed, but practical work will be completed with RDBMSs. Prerequisite: GEO 5418 or the equivalent.

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### GEO 5395. Problems in Applied Geography.
Designed to consider a selected topic relating to applied geography. Emphasis on the practical application of geographic tools, with individual or group participation in a specific project. Course topics may vary depending on student and faculty interests and may apply to any of the three graduate tracks: physical-environmental, land area development and management, or cartography. Repeatable for up to six hours.

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### GEO 5399A. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s initial thesis enrollment. No thesis credit is awarded until student has completed the thesis in GEO 5399B. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.

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### GEO 5399B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis.

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### GEO 5408. Web Mapping.
This course introduces students to modern interactive and dynamic mapping and GIS techniques that allow internet-based cartographic representations of temporal and non-temporal geospatial objects and phenomena. Prerequisite: GEO 3411 or equivalent with a grade of “C” or higher.

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### GEO 5415. Geographic Applications of Remote Sensing.
Students will focus on Geographic applications of the principles and practices of digital image processing, classification, and modeling using satellite images.

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### GEO 5417. Advanced Cartographic Design.
This advanced course in cartography focuses on thematic map design. The objective is to produce a series of well-designed, professional grade maps (or an atlas) that students can use to build a cartographic portfolio. Theoretical concepts and principles will be introduced using practical examples and written assignments. Prerequisite: GEO 3411 or equivalent or consent of instructor.

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### GEO 5418. Geographic Information Systems I.
Course is concerned with the analysis and interpretation of maps stored in digital form. Students are introduced to concepts and practices involving computerized cartographic and geographic data input, storage and retrieval, data manipulation and analysis, graphic and tabular report generation, and cartographic modeling.

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GEO 5419. Geographic Information Systems II.
This course aims to develop more advanced GIS concepts and application issues, further spatial data manipulation and analysis skills, and provide hands-on experience with GIS hardware and software programs. The emphasis will be on practical application of skills to real world issues. Prerequisite: GEO 5418
4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
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GEO 5424. GPS and GIS.
Students will learn to plan and conduct fieldwork using Global Positioning System (GPS) to differentially correct GPS data, and to build Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications using GPS technology. The course is project-based and involves working with external clients(s). Prerequisites: GEO 2426 or GEO 5418 or the equivalent
4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
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GEO 5430. Field Methods.
Course will emphasize common field techniques necessary in the construction of accurate maps. Various kinds of data collection techniques will be presented that will facilitate geographic research. Prerequisite: GEO 3301 or equivalent
4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

GEO 5599B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis
5 Credit Hours. 5 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

GEO 5680. Internship.
Application of techniques of applied geography in an actual on-thejob setting. Internships will be arranged and supervised by the Internship Director. Graded on a credit (CR), no credit (F) basis
6 Credit Hours. 6 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit

GEO 5999B. Thesis.
This course represents a student’s continuing thesis enrollments. The student continues to enroll in this course until the thesis is submitted for binding. Graded on a credit (CR), progress (PR), no-credit (F) basis
9 Credit Hours. 9 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Credit/No Credit