Department of Geography

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Texas State Geography is one of the largest undergraduate programs in the United States. The Journal of Geography, the Association of American Geographers, and a National Program Effectiveness Survey recognized the Department as among the best undergraduate Geography programs in the nation. Additionally, the Department of Geography’s internship program is the largest of its kind, placing students in both government agencies and private enterprises to provide students real-world experience to complement their academic program. The Department also offers highly acclaimed field experiences to places such as Big Bend National Park, the Southwestern United States, Europe and Mexico, where students gain invaluable firsthand geographical knowledge while gaining academic credit.

The undergraduate geography program offers a variety of majors of study. Students may select a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.). The degrees provide students programs and courses designed to increase their understanding of the world they live in and to help students develop analytical skills necessary to interpret and solve real-world problems. The B.A. requires a minimum of 30 semester hours of Geography while the B.S. requires a minimum of 36 hours of Geography coursework. Geography majors may include a maximum of two additional Geography courses towards their major. Geography majors are required to complete a minor and are encouraged to select a minor in consultation with an academic advisor.

Major in Geography
The Geography major provides flexibility in designing unique programs for students with highly specialized career or graduate study objectives. Students electing to follow this major are strongly encouraged to work with a faculty member with experience in their special area of interest.

Major in Geography with Teacher Certification in Social Studies
This degree program is designed to prepare students to teach any of the four social studies disciplines (History, Geography, Government, and Economics) at the secondary level (grades 7-12). Upon completion of the social studies curriculum and passage of the social studies TExES test, students will receive certification in social studies and eligibility to teach in any of the four disciplines. Students pursuing secondary certification with a major in Geography select a minor from the disciplines of History or Political Science. In addition, students will complete specific courses in the third social studies discipline not chosen as a major or minor.

Major in Geographic Information Science
The general philosophy of the program stresses the importance of a content-rich background in geography along with principles and techniques of Geographic Information Science: GIS; remote sensing; visualization; cartography; spatial modeling; and quantitative methods. The major in Geographic Information Science was developed and structured for positions in local, state, and federal agencies, commercial companies, planning departments, engineering firms, utility companies, and many others. To prepare for GIScience careers, many students perform internships with government agencies or private firms as part of their academic program.

Major in Geography Resource and Environmental Studies
The Geography Resource and Environmental Studies major prepares students for a wide variety of government and private sector occupations relating to resource conservation and/or environmental management. Graduates pursue careers with employers such as the Texas General Land Office, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife, the National Geographic Society, the Lower Colorado River Authority, the San Antonio Water System, Motorola, Valero Energy and various private – sector environmental consulting firms.

Major in Geography Urban and Regional Planning
Planning is a diverse profession, which draws upon fields of knowledge and technical skills closely related to geography. Urban and Regional Planning provides the means to evaluate and facilitate programs that benefit our neighborhoods, communities, cities, and regions. Population growth, economic development, transportation, education, public services, and the environment are a few of the essential factors evaluated by planners. Many of our graduates are employed as planners in Texas, as well as within other states and countries. Others have continued in graduate studies at Texas State or in other programs at the University of Texas or Texas A&M, as well as universities outside Texas.

Major in Geography Water Resources
The Geography Water Resources major provides a focused study of the physical, chemical, social, political, and economic factors of water resources from the geographic perspective. As water resources become ever more critical to the nation, and in particular Texas and the Southwest Borderlands, this degree program addresses the increasing need for professionals in this crucial field. Graduates are highly sought after by government agencies, from local, state to federal, industries that have large water demands, agricultural interests and private consulting firms that specialize in water resource issues. The Lower Colorado River Authority, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, the Edwards Aquifer Authority, and the San Antonio Water System all employ graduates of the program.

Major in Physical Geography
This major emphasizes the physical science elements of geographical study. Physical Geography prepares students for employment in applied climatology and meteorology, oceanography, geomorphology, resource evaluation, environmental analysis, and areas where an understanding of the complex relationship between nature and society is required. Students considering graduate studies in Physical Geography or any of the earth and atmospheric sciences should select this degree option.

Admission Process
Students meeting university admission standards enter the undergraduate Geography program as pre-majors. To become majors, students must complete the following with a grade of “C” or higher in each course:
GEO 1309 Introduction to Cultural Geography 3
or GEO 1310 World Geography
GEO 2410 Introduction to Physical Geography 4
GEO 2426 Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems 4
GEO 3301 Research Methods in Geography 3
Total Hours 14

Academic Advising
The Department of Geography provides extensive academic advising services which include individual and group advising. All geography majors and minors are encouraged to seek advice about program requirements and course selection each semester. Major faculty and academic advisors can offer detailed program and course information as well as course checklists for each major. Proper academic planning and academic advising leads students toward completing the steps for satisfying graduation requirements.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
• Major in Geography (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geography-ba)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)
• Major in Geography (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geography-bs)
• Major in Geography (Teacher Certification in Social Studies, Grades 7-12: History Minor and Political Science Third Field) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geography-teacher-certification-social-studies-grades-7-12-history-minor-political-science-third-field-bs)
• Major in Geography (Teacher Certification in Social Studies, Grades 7-12: Political Science Minor and History Third Field) (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geography-teacher-certification-social-studies-grades-7-12-political-science-minor-history-third-field-bs)
• Major in Geographic Information Science (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geographic-information-science-bs)
• Major in Physical Geography (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/physical-bs)
• Major in Geography Resource and Environmental Studies (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/resource-environmental-studies-bs)
• Major in Geography Urban and Regional Planning (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/urban-regional-planning-bs)
• Major in Geography Water Resources (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/water-resources-bs)

Minors
• Geography (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geography-minor)
• Geology (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geology-minor)
• Nature and Heritage Tourism (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/nature-heritage-tourism-minor)

Certificates
• Environmental Interpretation (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/environmental-interpretation-certificate)
• Geographic Information Science (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/geographic-information-science-certificate)
• Location Analysis (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/location-analysis-certificate)
• Water Resources Policy (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/undergraduate/liberal-arts/geography/water-resources-policy-certificate)

Information about graduate programs can be found in the Graduate Catalog (http://mycatalog.txstate.edu/graduate).

Subjects in this department include: GEO (p. 2), GEOL (p. 9), NHT (p. 10)

Courses in Geography (GEO)
GEO 1105. Meteorology Laboratory.
Laboratory observations, calculations, and exercises of meteorological data and phenomena. Prerequisite or corequisite: GEO 1305. About Meteorology Laboratory
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: GEO 1147
About Meteorology Laboratory
GEO 1305. Meteorology.
An introduction to atmospheric science providing information on the properties of the atmosphere, the scientific principles that govern weather and climate, and interactions between the atmosphere and the other components of the Earth system. About Meteorology
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Life & Physical Sciences Core
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: GEO 1347
About Meteorology
GEO 1309. Introduction to Cultural Geography.
This course introduces students to the geographical perspective and focuses on spatial distributions of human activities and investigates underlying geographical processes that account for present and past cultural patterns such as population, folk and popular culture, language, religion, gender, ethnicity, politics, urban and rural land use, and economic development. (MC).
About Introduction to Cultural Geography
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: GEOG 1302
About Introduction to Cultural Geography
GEO 1310. World Geography.
This course stresses the similarities and differences of the major world regions. Emphasis is given to human behavior in a spatial context. (MC).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Soc & Behav Sciences Core|Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: GEOG 1303
about World Geography

GEO 2110. Physical Geography Laboratory.
This is a laboratory course that includes exercises and calculations to apply principles and concepts covered in introductory physical geography lecture classes. These include geographic tools, weather and climate, soils and biogeography, and geomorphology. Open only to students who have taken the lecture class at another college/university. Prerequisites: MATH 1315 or higher (excluding MATH 1316) with a grade of “C” or higher. An introductory physical geography lecture course with a grade of “C” or higher. Instructor Approval Needed.

about Physical Geography Laboratory
1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Physical Geography Laboratory

GEO 2310. Introduction to Environmental Geography.
Introduces the Geographic perspective to examine the Earth’s environment and its opportunities, constraints, and risks. Principles of scale space, and distributions will be used in examining the environment. About Introduction to Environmental Geography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Introduction to Environmental Geography

GEO 2410. Introduction to Physical Geography.
A systematic study of the various elements that make up the Earth’s physical environment, weather, climate, vegetation, soil, and landforms. Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above (excluding MATH 1316) with a grade of “C” or higher. About Introduction to Physical Geography

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Introduction to Physical Geography

GEO 2420. Introduction to Geographic Information Techniques.
The course will introduce the foundations of geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), remote sensing, cartography, data analysis, and other tools and methods used by geographic information scientists. Maps, data collection, using and creating Internet content, and data analysis and display will be topics in the course.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Introduction to Geographic Information Techniques

This course is an introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS), a tool for integrating and analyzing spatial data to visualize relationships, seek explanations and develop solutions to pressing problems. The foundations and theory of GIS will be emphasized. Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above (excluding MATH 1316) with a grade of “C” or higher. About Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems

4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems

GEO 2427. Management and Implementation of GIS.
This course addresses strategies for successful GIS management and implementation in an organization-wide context and is organized around four primary issues: implementation planning, data management, technology assessment, and organizational setting. Prerequisite: GEO 2426 or equivalent. About Management and Implementation of GIS

4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Management and Implementation of GIS

GEO 3134. Water Quality Monitoring and Management.
This course incorporates the water quality training of Texas Watch so students can receive certification and become Texas Watch water quality monitors. In addition, students learn to compile, analyze, and present water quality data for watershed management. May be repeated once for credit. Corequisite or prerequisite: GEO 3434. About Water Quality Monitoring and Management

1 Credit Hour. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Water Quality Monitoring and Management

GEO 3301. Research Methods in Geography.
This course provides an introduction to quantitative and qualitative research methodology, data collection and analytical techniques. Topics include descriptive, inferential, spatial quantitative statistics and qualitative methods such as case studies and content analysis. The course will introduce students to software applications that are designed for organizing, analyzing and visualizing data. Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above (excluding MATH 1316) with a grade of “C” or higher. About Research Methods in Geography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Research Methods in Geography

GEO 3303. Economic Geography.
This course investigates the geographic organization of economic activity with emphasis on the interconnections from global to local scales. Technological advances, resource creation and destruction, supply and demand, distribution and development, environmental impacts, and economic justice are addressed. Theoretical models are used to interpret past and current situations. (MC). About Economic Geography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Economic Geography
GEO 3305. Climatology.  
Introduction to the elements of climate and their use in environmental monitoring and analysis. Prerequisite: GEO 1305 or GEO 2410 with a grade of "C" or higher. 
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Climatology

GEO 3307. Geography of Europe.  
The course presents a systematic and regional investigation of the physical and cultural processes and phenomena that have created the characteristic landscapes of Europe. Topics include the climate, landform regions, trade, transportation, urban growth, population change, and the evolution of economic integration in the region. (MC).  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Geography of Europe  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content

GEO 3308. Latin America.  
A regional survey of the physical and cultural geography of Latin America. (MC).  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Latin America  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content

GEO 3309. United States and Canada.  
This course provides a systematic and regional analysis of the United States and Canada with emphasis on contemporary economic, environmental, political, and social issues. (MC) (W).  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about United States and Canada  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content

GEO 3310. Urban Geography.  
The study of city systems, form, and development with emphasis on functional patterns, economic base, industrial location, service, and social area analysis.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Urban Geography  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
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Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Urban Geography

GEO 3313. Natural Resource Use and Management.  
This course uses environmental concepts at all geographic scales to identify and analyze patterns and processes of resource use, and discusses management strategies to solve present and future concerns related to natural resources. Prerequisites: One course from GEO 1305, GEO 1309, GEO 1310, GEO 2310 or GEO 2410 with a grade of "C" or higher.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Natural Resource Use and Management  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Natural Resource Use and Management

GEO 3320. Community and Regional Planning.  
This course examines the practice, history and development of community and regional planning in the U.S. focusing on specific methods and legal frameworks of community planning and cultivating sustainable development.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Community and Regional Planning  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive

An analysis of energy sources, their distribution and characteristics, and the problems associated with their use and management. Prerequisite: MATH 1315 or above (excluding MATH 1316) with a grade of "C" or higher. (W).  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Energy Resource Management  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive

GEO 3322. Location Analysis.  
Location and movement stressed in terms of the factors considered in locating industry, business, housing, and community facilities.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Location Analysis  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Location Analysis

GEO 3325. Geomorphology.  
This course provides a study of landforms, the processes and materials that form them and change them over time. Students will be introduced to bibliographic research and the interpretation of landforms and landscapes in the field from photographs or maps. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 or GEOL 1410 or equivalents with a grade of "C" or higher.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Geomorphology  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Geomorphology

GEO 3326. Geography of North Africa and the Middle East.  
A regional treatment dealing with the physical features and cultural activities of the people in North Africa and the Middle East. (MC).  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Geography of North Africa and the Middle East  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content

GEO 3328. Geography of Texas.  
A physical and cultural geography of Texas with special emphasis on human resources and economic activities. (MC).  
Grade Mode: Standard Letter  
about Geography of Texas  
3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.  
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
GEO 3332. Geography of South and Southeast Asia.
This course is a systematic and regional overview of the physical and human geography of the countries of the Indian subcontinent and Southeast Asia. Topics include the monsoons, cultural diversity, rapid economic development, agricultural systems, and environmental problems. (MC) (WI).

GEO 3333. Geography of China and Japan.
This course provides a regional overview of the physical and human geography of the countries of East Asia. This course also systematically examines China, Korea, and Japan by closely examining such topics as the impacts of high population densities and intensive land use practices. (MC).

GEO 3335. Oceanography.
An introductory course about the physical, chemical, geologic, and biologic characteristics of the oceans and coastal areas. Emphasis will be placed on the role of the oceans as a component of the global environment. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 or GEOL 1410 or BIO 1320 or BIO 1430, with a grade of “C” or higher.

GEO 3340. Political Geography.
Political geography concerns the interrelationship between political activities and spatial distributions. Topics include the concept of the state, international spheres of influence and confrontation, boundaries, contemporary world issues and problems, and geographic aspects of electoral politics. (MC).

GEO 3349. Population Geography.
An in-depth study of the spatial distribution and movement of human populations. The 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. (MC).

GEO 3351. Geography of Health.
This course introduces concepts of health, health care, disease, and illness from a geographical perspective. The course will examine how people and societies interact geographically with the environment in ways that result in varying degrees of health. The focus will be on understanding health from the perspective of populations rather than individuals in a geographic context.

A geographical analysis of ethnic groups in the United States with emphasis on their settlement patterns, spatial interactions, and current problems. (MC).

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GEO 3411. Maps and Mapmaking.
An introduction to reference and thematic map use and design. The course introduces basic cartographic mapping techniques for quantitative and qualitative data, teaches about geospatial analysis and interpretation, and enables students to design basic maps. Prerequisite: GEO 2426 with a grade of “C” or higher.

Introduction to the acquisition, mensuration, interpretation, and mapping of aerial photographs and satellite images for environmental monitoring and inventorying. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 with a grade of “C” or higher.

GEO 3426. Advanced GIS.
This course builds on the principles introduced in GEO 2426 and presents an in-depth examination of the technical aspects involved in spatial data handling, analysis, and modeling. Prerequisite: GEO 2426 and GEO 3301 with grades of “C” or higher.
GEO 3434. Water Resources.
This course analyzes within a geographical perspective, the formation, use, conservation, and management of water resources. The students will develop a working knowledge of the hydrologic, water quality, legal, economic, political, and societal factors that determine water availability, hazards, use, demand, and allocation. Prerequisite: GEO 2410, or CHEM 1141 and CHEM 1341, with a grade of "C" or higher.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required

about Cultural Ecology

GEO 4190. Independent Study.
Individual study under direct supervision of a professor. May involve field trips. This course may be repeated for credit, but a student may not exceed six hours of credit in Independent Study.

1 Credit Hour. 1 Lecture Contact Hour. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Cultural Ecology

GEO 4290. Independent Study.
Individual study under direct supervision of a professor. May involve field trips. This course may be repeated for credit, but a student may not exceed six hours of credit in Independent Study.

2 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Cultural Ecology

GEO 4306. Geography of the Southwest.
Though primarily defined by aridity, the southwestern United States is extremely diverse in its environments and its people. This course explores how people have related to this land. This course also examines current issues and future trends in natural resources and cultural processes in the region. (MC).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Cultural Ecology

Cultural ecology employs concepts of culture formation/change and biological ecology, with emphasis on the processes of adaptation. It provides a holistic means to interpret pre-modern, non-western, and agrarian cultures as well as modern cultures as they relate to their biophysical environment. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing. (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Cultural Ecology

GEO 4310. Regional Field Studies.
Observation, description, and analysis of a geographical environment based upon off-campus study in that environment. May be repeated once, provided the second study is in a different region, for a total of 6 semester hours. (WI).

about Regional Field Studies

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Regional Field Studies

GEO 4313. Environmental Management.
This course provides an analysis of the causes of environmental problems, from local to global scale, and the evaluation of attempts at management and solutions of those problems. Emphasis will be placed on the role that geography can play in environmental degradation and management. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 with a grade of "C" or higher and senior status. (WI).

about Environmental Management

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Environmental Management

GEO 4314. River Basin Management.
The purpose of this course is to study principles and practices of large-scale river basin management. Emphasis is on integrated management of land and water resources, including economic development and environmental protection issues. Prerequisite: GEO 3434 or GEO 4325 with a grade of "C" or higher. (WI).

about River Basin Management

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about River Basin Management

GEO 4316. Landscape Biogeography.
Investigation of present-day and post-Pleistocene spatial patterns of plants, animals, and biogeographical processes. Human interactions with biogeographical patterns is also addressed, as are methods for reconstructing Holocene patterns of biogeographic distribution. Course to be taught every other year. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 with a grade of "C" or higher.

about Landscape Biogeography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Landscape Biogeography

GEO 4321. Cities and Urban Design.
This course explores the relationships between design and urban landscapes. It analyzes urbanization and provides a critical appraisal of the role of design and material culture in shaping urban environments. Prerequisite: GEO 3310 with a "C" or higher and junior or senior status.

about Cities and Urban Design

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Cities and Urban Design
GEO 4322. Interpretive Environmental Geography.
Students learn principles, themes, and techniques for effective interpretation of environmental information to audiences ranging from park visitors to professional conferences. Interpretive themes are drawn from geographic concepts including the physical and cultural landscapes and cultural ecology. Techniques emphasize effective use of traditional and digital presentation methods. (WI). about Interpretive Environmental Geography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter

about Parks and Protected Places

GEO 4323. Conservation Leadership.
This course offers an in-depth introduction to the conservation movement and the philosophy, establishment, and operation of institutions engaged in that movement. Problems and attributes of leadership will be emphasized along with the operational implications, ethical issues and other considerations for successful implementation at non-governmental, local, state, and federal levels. Restricted to Junior or Senior Standing. about Conservation Leadership

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Conservation Leadership

GEO 4324. GPS and GIS.
Students will learn to plan and conduct fieldwork using the 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 client(s). Prerequisite: GEO 2426, and GEO 3411 or GEO 3426, with grade(s) of "C" or higher. about GPS and GIS

3 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about GPS and GIS

GEO 4325. Fluvial Processes.
Students analyze modern principles of river processes and forms within a geographical perspective. This course examines the fundamental mechanics of fluvial channels with an emphasis on quantitative geographic evaluation of their processes. The course emphasizes natural scientific perspectives and includes linkages to ecology, engineering, resources management, and policy. Prerequisite: GEO 3325 or GEO 3434 with a grade of "C" or higher. about Fluvial Processes

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Fluvial Processes

GEO 4326. 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. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior status. about Parks and Protected Places

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Parks and Protected Places

GEO 4328. Geography of the Russian Realm.
This course presents a regional and systematic overview of the physical and human geography of the countries of the former Soviet Union. The course examines in depth issues such as the legacy of the degraded landscape and environmental problems left by decades of Soviet industrialization. (MC) (WI).

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Multicultural Content|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Geography of the Russian Realm

GEO 4334. Groundwater Resources.
This course examines, within a geographical perspective, the major concepts and principles that control groundwater availability and use. Students will analyze aquifer characteristics that determine their water quantity and quality. Constraints on aquifer use including environmental, economic, societal, and legal factors will be analyzed for optimizing aquifer management and water-use policy. Prerequisite: GEO 3434 with a grade of "C" or higher. about Groundwater Resources

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Groundwater Resources

GEO 4335. Directed Research.
Individual and group research projects at the advanced level that are not offered in the present curriculum. Permission and project approval must be obtained from the faculty member prior to registration. This course may be repeated for credit, but a student may not exceed six hours of credit in Directed Research. about Directed Research

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Directed Research

GEO 4336. Transportation Systems.
This course is an examination of the evolution of urban transportation systems, policies, institutions, and methods in the United States. Principles, procedures, and techniques of transportation planning in the State of Texas are covered and students are introduced to the literature in transportation geography and methods of transportation analysis. about Transportation Systems

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Transportation Systems

GEO 4338. Planning Practicum.
This capstone course focuses on methods and procedures used for planning and managing urban development on the local level. Topics include municipal ordinances, the development/redevelopment process and relationships between development, capital improvements and the local economy. Prerequisite: GEO 3320 with a "C" or higher and junior or senior status. about Planning Practicum

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Planning Practicum
GEO 4339. Environmental Hazards.
Analysis of environmental hazards with respect to human use of the land. Includes geologic hazards and problems caused by floods and meteorological conditions. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 with a grade of “C” or higher.

about Environmental Hazards

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Environmental Hazards

GEO 4340. Fundamental Themes in Geography.
Students will become familiar with the K-12 Geography Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and the national geography content standards, identify instructional resources and materials, design instructional units, and fully develop grade level appropriate inquiry based lessons and student assessments. (WI).

about Fundamental Themes in Geography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Fundamental Themes in Geography

GEO 4341. Water Policy.
This course covers the evolution of water policy from the awareness of issues, through the political and legal process, to the implementation of specific plans, programs, and facilities. Prerequisite: GEO 3434 with a grade of “C” or higher.

about Water Policy

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Water Policy

GEO 4350. Solid Waste Planning and Management.
A survey of the methods of solid waste disposal including waste storage, collection, transportation and disposal, and their short-and long-range effects on the environment. A practical course in the planning, implementation, and management of alternate methods of sanitary waste disposal. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 with a grade of “C” or higher.

about Solid Waste Planning and Management

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Solid Waste Planning and Management

GEO 4352. Air Quality Management.
This course provides an assessment and analysis of air quality including types, sources, and effects of air pollutants as well as principles governing their dispersal and management. These aspects are analyzed considering physical science, economic, legal and social factors. Prerequisite: CHEM 1141 and CHEM 1341, or GEO 2410, or GEO 3305 with a grade of “C” or higher.

about Air Quality Management

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

GEO 4355. Geography of Crime.
This course provides understanding of geographical aspects of crime and criminal behavior. Students are exposed to theories and analysis methods and models explaining and predicting crime spatial patterns. Computer exercises give students hands on experience on crime pattern analysis.

about Geography of Crime

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Geography of Crime

GEO 4380. Internship in Geography.
On-the-job training in a public or private-sector agency. Students must apply to the department internship director at least six weeks prior to registering for the internship course. This course may be repeated one time for additional internship credit.

about Internship in Geography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Internship in Geography

GEO 4390. Independent Study.
Individual study under direct supervision of a professor. May involve field trips. This course may be repeated for credit, but a student may not exceed six hours of credit in Independent Study.

about Independent Study

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Independent Study

GEO 4393A. Environmental Compliance.
This course examines the implementation and enforcement of environmental statutes and regulations from a geographic perspective that includes physical environmental, cultural, social, economic, and legal parameters. The course focuses on current environmental requirements as applied to contemporary regulatory challenges including widely applicable innovative compliance strategies. Prerequisites: GEO 4313 and one course from GEO 3434, GEO 4350, or GEO 4352, with grades of “C” or higher.

about Environmental Compliance

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Environmental Compliance

GEO 4393B. Business Geography.
This course provides an exploration of the geospatial analysis of business activities in the United States with emphasis on site location, market segmentation and material/product tracking.

about Business Geography

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing|Topics
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Business Geography
GEO 4411. Advanced Cartographic Design.
This advanced course in cartography focuses on thematic map design. The objective is to produce a cartographic portfolio of well-designed, professional grade maps. Theoretical concepts and principles will be introduced using practical examples and written assignments. Prerequisite: GEO 3411 with a grade of "C" or higher.

4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Advanced Cartographic Design

Introduction to the digital image processing of satellite scenes including restoration, enhancement, classification, change detection, and mapping for environmental monitoring and inventorying. Prerequisites: GEO 3301 and GEO 3416 with grades of "C" or higher. (WI).

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Digital Remote Sensing

GEO 4417. Digital Terrain Modeling.
The course focuses on the mapping, transformation, mensuration, visualization, and applications of digital elevation models in Geography. Prerequisite: GEO 3416 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or higher.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Digital Terrain Modeling

GEO 4422. Web Mapping.
The 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.

4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Web Mapping

GEO 4427. GIS Design and Implementation.
This course involves students working as a team on a substantive GIS project, which is designed and conducted by the class. Students will develop and demonstrate competence in GIS techniques at the professional level. Prerequisite: GEO 3426 or equivalent with a grade of "C" or higher, Junior or Senior standing, and instructor approval.

4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about GIS Design and Implementation

GEO 4430. Field Methods.
Methods and techniques for observing, measuring, recording, and reporting on geographic phenomena are investigated in this course. Students will learn the use of instruments and materials in the collection of data for mapping and field research in the local area. Prerequisites: GEO 2410 and GEO 3301 or equivalents with a grade of "C" or higher. (WI).

4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 4 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required|Writing Intensive
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Field Methods

Courses in Geology (GEOL)

GEOL 1410. Physical Geology.
The study of materials making up the Earth, the processes that act upon them, and the results of these processes; the development of tools for the interpretation of earth's history and structure, and the major geologic concepts.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Life & Physical Sciences Core|Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: GEOL 1403

GEOL 1420. Historical Geology.
A continuation of physical geology leading to consideration of the geologic history of the Earth (with special emphasis on North America), the evolution of life, the continents through geologic time and the principles and procedures used in the interpretation of earth history. Prerequisite: GEOL 1410.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 2 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Life & Physical Sciences Core|Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
TCCN: GEOL 1404

GEOL 2410. Mineralogy.
Study of the crystal systems, physical properties, classification, and hand specimen identification of common rock-forming and ore minerals. One semester of Chemistry recommended. Prerequisites: CHEM 1141 and CHEM 1341, and "C" or better in GEOL 1410 and GEOL 1420.

4 Credit Hours. 2 Lecture Contact Hours. 6 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Mineralogy

GEOL 3400. Petrology.
An introduction to the hand specimen and microscopic study of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks. This course includes the origin of mineral assemblages that make up rocks and the environments of formation. Prerequisite: GEOL 2410 with a grade of "C" or better.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter about Petrology

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GEOL 3410. Sedimentation and Stratigraphy.
Principles of the weathering, transportation, deposition, and lithification of sediments. Primary structures and textures of sediments are used to determine environments of deposition. The recognition and classification of strata into stratigraphic units. Prerequisite: GEOL 2410 completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Sedimentation and Stratigraphy

GEOL 4121. Directed Study.
This course is designed to provide a student with an opportunity to conduct independent research for credit in consultation with his or her Geology instructors. The course may be repeated once with a different content or instructor. Prerequisite: GEOL 1410 and GEOL 1420 with grade of "C" or higher.
about Directed Study

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Directed Study

GEOL 3421. Directed Study.
This course is designed to provide a student with an opportunity to conduct independent research for credit in consultation with his or her Geology instructors. The course may be repeated once with a different content or instructor. Prerequisite: GEOL 1410 and GEOL 1420 with grade of "C" or higher.

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Directed Study

GEOL 4330A. Introduction to Petroleum Geology.
This course discusses the origin and distribution of conventional and unconventional petroleum resources, source rocks, types of traps and seals, reservoir rock properties, exploration methods (seismic data analysis and interpretation, formation evaluation, subsurface mapping), reservoir characterization and modeling, reserves calculations. Prerequisites: GEOL 1410, GEOL 1420, and CHEM 1141/CHEM 1341 with grades of "C" or higher. Co-requisite: GEOL 4121.

about Introduction to Petroleum Geology

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Petroleum Geology

GEOL 4330B. Planetary Geology.
This course is a survey of the application of geologic principles to the rocky planets and satellites in the solar system. Prerequisites: GEOL 1410 and GEOL 1420 with grades of "C" or higher.

about Planetary Geology

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Exclude from 3-peat Processing
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Planetary Geology

GEOL 4421. Hydrogeology.
This course will provide the student with an introduction to the science of hydrogeology, a conceptual and quantitative understanding of groundwater from a geological/mathematical/geochemical perspective, and experience with hydrogeology applications. Prerequisites: GEOL 1420 with a grade of "C" or higher, and CHEM 1141 and CHEM 1341.

about Hydrogeology

4 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 3 Lab Contact Hours.
Course Attribute(s): Lab Required
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Hydrogeology

Courses in Nature and Heritage and Tourism (NHT)

NHT 4301. Planning and Development of Nature and Heritage Tourism.
This course applies basic planning and development principles to the special issues of nature and heritage tourism. Particular emphasis is placed on locational analysis, site analysis, and planning for sustainable use. Prerequisite: GEO 2410 with a grade of "C" or higher, or permission of the instructor.

about Planning and Development of Nature and Heritage Tourism

3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Planning and Development of Nature and Heritage Tourism
NHT 4302. Internship in Nature and Heritage Tourism.
Students will work in private or public sector settings to gain practical experience in the planning, development and management of nature and/or heritage tourism. Internships must be approved by the director of the Center for Nature and Heritage Tourism. Students will be expected to perform at high professional standards and will interpret the internship experience within the context of current literature. Prerequisite: NHT 4301.

about Internship in Nature and Heritage Tourism

3 Credit Hours. 0 Lecture Contact Hours. 10 Lab Contact Hours.
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
about Internship in Nature and Heritage Tourism