

Geography, B.A.

Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the University's Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Before the third semester begins: one introductory course in the major.

Before the fifth semester begins: five courses in the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: 11 courses in the major and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: 14 courses in the major.

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plans of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Environmental Studies Track

Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		0
First Year		
Fall		
GEOG:1020	The Global Environment ^b	3
GEOG:1021	The Global Environment Lab ^b	1
GEOG:1090	Globalization and Geographic Diversity ^b	3
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200	or The Interpretation of Literature	
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^c		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		15-16
Spring		
Major: geography "select one" course ^{d, e, f}		3 - 4
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200	or The Interpretation of Literature	
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^c		3

GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^c	3
Elective course ^g	3
Hours	
15-17	

Second Year

Fall		
GEOG:1070	Contemporary Environmental Issues ^b	3
Major: statistics course ^h		3
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ		4 - 5
Elective course ^g		2
Hours		15-16

Spring

GEOG:1050	Foundations of GIS	4
Major: environmental studies track course		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ		4 - 5
Elective course ^g		2
Hours		16-18

Third Year

Fall		
Major: GIS "select one" course ^j		3
Major: environmental studies track course		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ		4 - 5
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		2
Hours		15-17

Spring

GEOG:3400	Iowa Environmental Policy in Practice	1 - 3
or GEOG:3992	or Undergraduate Research or Academic Internship	
Major: environmental studies track course		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ⁱ		4 - 5
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		14-18

Fourth Year

Fall		
Major: environmental studies track course		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^c		3
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Hours		15-16
Spring		
GEOG:4995	Honors Thesis	3
or GEOG:4030	or Senior Project Seminar	
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3
Elective course ^g		3

Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall)

Hours	15
Total Hours	120-133

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- b Fulfills a major requirement and may fulfill a GE requirement.
- c GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
- d Choose from the following options: GEOG:1060, GEOG:1070, GEOG:2110, GEOG:2910, GEOG:2950.
- e Students cannot choose a course that they have already used elsewhere in the major.
- f Cannot use GEOG:1070 as this course is required elsewhere in the major.
- g Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.
- h Choose from: GEOG:1065, PSQF:4143, STAT:1020, STAT:1030, STAT:2010, STAT:2020, STAT:3510. Consider choosing a course that also fulfills the GE CLAS Core Quantitative or Formal Reasoning requirement.
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- j Cannot double-count a class for this requirement and another requirement in the major.
- k Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.

Geographic Information Science Track

Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		0
First Year		
Fall		
GEOG:1020	The Global Environment ^b	3
GEOG:1021	The Global Environment Lab ^b	1
GEOG:1090	Globalization and Geographic Diversity ^b	3
ENGL:1200 or RHET:1030	The Interpretation of Literature or Rhetoric	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^c		3
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		15-16

Spring

GEOG:1050	Foundations of GIS	4
Major: geography "select one" course ^{d, e}		3 - 4
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200	or The Interpretation of Literature	
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^c		3
Elective course ^f		2

Hours	15-17
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Second Year

Fall

CS:1210 or CS:1110 or CS:2110	Computer Science I: Fundamentals or Introduction to Computer Science or Programming for Informatics	3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: International and Global Issues or Social Sciences ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		2

Hours	15-17
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Spring

Major: GIS track course		3 - 4
Major: statistics course ^{g, i}		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3

Hours	16-18
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Third Year

Fall

Major: GIS track course		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		2

Hours	15-17
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Spring

CCP:1201 or GEOG:3992 or GEOG:3400	Academic Internship or Undergraduate Research or Iowa Environmental Policy in Practice	1 - 3
Major: GIS track course		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3

Hours	14-18
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Fourth Year

Fall

Major: GIS track course		3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^c		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3

Hours	15-16
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Spring

GEOG:4995	Honors Thesis	3
or GEOG:4030	or Senior Project Seminar	
Major: GIS track course		3 - 4
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
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Hours		15-16
Total Hours		120-135

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Health and Society Track

Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability ^a		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
GEOG:1020	The Global Environment ^b	3
GEOG:1021	The Global Environment Lab	1
GEOG:1090	Globalization and Geographic Diversity ^b	3
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200	or The Interpretation of Literature	

GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture ^c	3	
CSI:1600	Success at Iowa	2
Hours		15-16

Spring

Major: geography "select one" course ^{d, e}	3 - 4	
RHET:1030	Rhetoric	3 - 4
or ENGL:1200	or The Interpretation of Literature	
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion ^c	3	
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives ^c	3	
Elective course ^f	3	
Hours		15-17

Second Year

Fall		
GEOG:1050	Foundations of GIS	4
Major: statistics course ^g		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		2
Hours		16-17

Spring

GEOG:2110	Seven Billion and Counting: Introduction to Population Dynamics ^b	3
Major: GIS "select one" course ⁱ		3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		1 - 3
Hours		14-17

Third Year

Fall		
GEOG:3110	Geography of Health	3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning ^c		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Second Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		16-17

Spring

GEOG:3992	Undergraduate Research	1 - 3
or CCP:1201	or Academic Internship	
or GEOG:3400	or Iowa Environmental Policy in Practice	
Major: Health and Society "select two" course ^j		3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Fourth Level Proficiency or elective course ^h		4 - 5
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3
Hours		14-17

Fourth Year

Fall		
GEOG:4150	Health and Environment: GIS Applications	3
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab ^c		3
Elective course ^f		3
Elective course ^f		3

Elective course ^f	3
Hours	15
Spring	
GEOG:4995 Honors Thesis or GEOG:4030 or Senior Project Seminar	3
Major: Health and Society "select two" course ^j	3
Elective course ^f	3
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