

BA IN GEOGRAPHY (HUMAN GEOGRAPHY)

Units required for Major: 46

Total units required for BA: 120


Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Geography with a concentration in Human Geography examines how diverse human cultures and economies interact with natural environments to create distinctive places with unique achievements, challenges, and conflicts. Students acquire cross-cultural perspectives and knowledge relevant to globalization, international development, energy and other natural resource issues, hazards and disasters, migration and demography, and geopolitical situations.

Note:

- Courses *cannot* double count for the core and the concentration.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Lower Division Core (10 Units)		
GEOG 1	Physical Geography: The Distribution of Natural Phenomena ¹	3
GEOG 2	Cultural Geography ¹	3
GEOG 3	Introduction to Maps and Geographic Technologies	3
GEOG 11	Laboratory in Physical Geography ¹	1
Upper Division Core (36 Units)		
GEOG 102	Ideas and Skills in Geography	3
GEOG 109	Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 118	Earth Transformed	3
GEOG 190	Senior Research Seminar in Geography  ¹	3
Regional Geography Core Elective 3		
Complete one of the following		
GEOG 121	United States and Canada	
GEOG 127	Geography Of Africa	
GEOG 128	Geography Of Europe	
GEOG 129A	Special Topics in Regional Geography A	
GEOG 129B	Geography Field Experience B	
GEOG 129C	Special Topics in Regional Geography C	
GEOG 131	California	
GEOG 133	Geography of the Middle East	
Human Geography Concentration ²		
Human Geography Elective 12		
Complete four of the following		
GEOG 141	Geography of Economic Activity	
GEOG 142	Feminist Geography	
GEOG 143	Environmental Hazards and Society	
GEOG 144	Transforming the City	
GEOG 145	Population Geography ¹	
GEOG 147	Urban Geography	

GEOG 148	Urban and Regional Planning	
GEOG 149	Transportation Geography	
GEOG 161	California's Water Resources	
One of GEOG 182, GEOG 193A, or GEOG 193B		
Additional Regional Geography Elective		3
Complete one additional course of the following		
GEOG 121	United States and Canada	
GEOG 127	Geography Of Africa	
GEOG 128	Geography Of Europe	
GEOG 129A	Special Topics in Regional Geography A	
GEOG 129B	Special Topics in Regional Geography B	
GEOG 129C	Special Topics in Regional Geography C	
GEOG 131	California	
GEOG 133	Geography of the Middle East	
Additional Human or Regional Elective		3
Complete one additional course from either the Human Geography or Additional Regional Geography elective lists		
Physical Geography Elective		3
Complete one of the following		
GEOG 111	Elements Of Meteorology ¹	
GEOG 113	Climate ¹	
GEOG 115	Biogeography ¹	
GEOG 116	Global Climate Change ¹	
GEOG 117	Landforms	
Total Units		46

¹ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

² Sections of GEOG 195A or GEOG 199 with sufficient units and focused on relevant content may be substituted for a concentration course requirement with the consent of the major advisor and department chair.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area A: Basic Subjects (9 Units)		
A1	Oral Communication	3
A2	Written Communication	3
A3	Critical Thinking	3
Area B: Physical Universe and Its Life Forms (9 Units)		
B1	Physical Science ²	0
B2	Life Forms	3
B3	Lab (Note: Lab experience to be taken with one of the following: B1, B2 or B5) ²	0
B4	Math Concepts	3
B5	Additional Course (Any B to reach 12 units) - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements. ³	3
Area C: Arts and Humanities (12 Units)		
C1	Arts	3
C2	Humanities	3
C1/C2	Area C Course	3
C1/C2	Area C Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper division requirements.	3
Area D: The Individual and Society (3-6 Units)		

Area D Course	3
Area D Course ²	0
Area D Course - Take upper-division course to complete Area & upper-division requirements. ⁴	0 - 3
Area E: Understanding Personal Development (3 Units)	
Area E Course	3
Area F: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)	
Area F Course	3
Total Units	39-42

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad/>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² Required in Major; also satisfies GE.

³ Students can complete Area B5 by taking GEOG 111, GEOG 113, GEOG 115, or GEOG 116 in their Physical Geography Electives.

⁴ Students can complete Area D by taking GEOG 145 in their Human Geography Elective.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) ²		0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³		6

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² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.


³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

The following roadmaps are sample planning resources. Please consult your academic advisor and Academic Catalog for graduation requirements as you develop your individualized academic plan.


Geography (Human Geography), BA: 4-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
GEOG 1	Atmosphere, Landscapes & Life: Intro to Physical Geography	3
GEOG 11	Laboratory in Physical Geography	1
GEOG 3	Introduction to Maps and Geographic Technologies	3
GE Area 1C - Oral Communication ²		3
GE Area 3A - Arts ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		16
Second Semester		
GEOG 2	Cultural Geography	3
GE Area 1A - English Composition ²		3
GE Area 1B - Critical Thinking ²		3
GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Year 2		
First Semester		
ENGL 20	College Composition II	3
GE Area 3B - Humanities ²		3
GE Area 5B - Biological Science ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies ²		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Year 3		
First Semester		
GEOG 102	Ideas and Skills in Geography	3
GEOG 109	Geographic Information Systems	3
Regional Geography Core Elective ³		3
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
Units		16
Second Semester		
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Additional Regional Geography Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²		4
Units		16
Year 4		
First Semester		
GEOG 118	Earth Transformed	3
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Physical Geography Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities ²		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Units		15

Second Semester

GEOG 190	Senior Research Seminar in Geography 	3
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Additional Human or Regional Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Total Units		123

Geography (Human Geography), BA: 2-Year Roadmap

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
First Semester		
GEOG 102	Ideas and Skills in Geography	3
GEOG 109	Geographic Information Systems	3
Regional Geography Elective ³		3
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Foreign Language Semester 1 ²		4
Units		16
Second Semester		
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Additional Regional Geography Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 4 - Social & Behavioral Sciences ²		3
Foreign Language Semester 2 ²		4
Units		16
Year 2		
First Semester		
GEOG 118	Earth Transformed	3
Human Geography Elective ³		3
Additional Human or Regional Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 3 - Arts or Humanities ²		3
GR American Institutions (GOVT) ²		3
Units		15
Second Semester		
GEOG 190	Senior Research Seminar in Geography 	3
Physical Geography Elective ³		3
Upper Division GE Area 5 or 2 - Science or Mathematical Concepts/Quantitative Reasoning ²		3
GR American Institutions (US History) ²		3
Elective of Choice		3
Units		15
Total Units		62

¹. Any course not completed in the first semester should be taken in the second or a later semester.

². Please see General Education/Graduation Requirement **course options** (https://www.csus.edu/academic-affairs/curriculum-%20workflow/_internal/_documents/program-road-maps/als_2yr/art_transfer-%20roadmap-2024-25.pdf).

³. Please see an academic advisor for elective options.