

Social and Environmental Geography (Bachelor of Arts)

Requires 121 Total Credit Hours; 34-38 Major Credit Hours; GEN Requirements; **Declared AU22 or beyond.** General education requirements for degree completion can be found at <https://artsandsciences.osu.edu/advising/general-education-requirements>

Major Requirements

Required Prerequisite or Supplemental Courses:

Prerequisites are specific to courses within the major. There are no prerequisites that must be completed before declaring Geography major.

Course	Title	Hours	Required Prerequisite
GEOG 3597.03	Climate Justice <i>(EL: Advanced Writing)</i>	3	None

Required Courses: (3 courses/ 6 credit hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Required Prerequisite
GEOG 4101	Undergraduate Research & Professionalization Seminar AU Only	3	3 credit hours in Geography
GEOG 4100	Geographic Inquiry <i>(capstone course)</i> SP Only	3	<i>Taken in final year of study</i>
GEOG 5193	Individual Studies in Geography SP Only	1	<i>Taken in final year of study</i>

Elective Courses: (9 courses/ 27-31 credit hours) from:

Methods Courses (2 courses/ 6 credit hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Required Prerequisite
GEOG 4103	Introductory Spatial Data Analysis <i>(EL: Data Analysis)</i>	3	Math 1116 or higher
GEOG 5210	Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems <i>(EL: Tech)</i>	3	None

Introductory Courses (select 1 course/ 3-4 credit hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Required Prerequisite
GEOG 2400.01 OR GEOG 2400.02	Economic & Social Geography	3 4	None
GEOG 2500	Cities & Their Global Spaces	3	None
GEOG 2800	Our Global Environment	3	None

Intermediate Courses (select 3 courses/ 9-10 credit hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Required Prerequisites
GEOG 3300	Geography of Transportation SP Only	3	None
GEOG 3597.01	World Urbanization	3	None
GEOG 3600	Space, Power & Political Geography	3	None
GEOG 3701	The Making of the Modern World	3	None
GEOG 3702	Life and Death Geographies	3	None
GEOG 3750	Geography of North America	3	None
GEOG 3800	Geographical Perspectives on Environment & Society	3	No4/17/20254/17/2025ne4/17/2025

GEOG 3801	Political Ecology	3	None
GEOG 3900.01 OR GEOG 3900.02	Global Climate Change: Causes & Consequences	3 4	None
GEOG 3980	Biogeography: An Introduction to Life on Earth	3	None

Advanced Courses (select 3 courses/ 9-11 credit hours)

Course	Title	Hours	Required Prerequisites
GEOG 4191	Internship in Geography	3-5	None
GEOG 5300	Geography of Transportation	3	None
GEOG 5301	Sustainable Transportation	3	None
GEOG 5401	Economies, Space and Society	3	None
GEOG 5402	Land Use Geography	3	None
GEOG 5501	Urban Spaces in the Global Economy	3	None
GEOG 5502	Data Justice & the Right to the Smart City	3	None
GEOG 5503	Urban China: Space, Place and Urban Transportation	3	None
GEOG 5700	Geography of Development	3	None
GEOG 5802	Globalization and Environment	3	None
GEOG 5803	Sustainable Energy Geographies	3	None

Major Requirement Notations

The following requirements for the major apply to all Arts and Sciences degrees.

Major requirements comprise at least 30 semester hours and can be substantially higher. Major courses must be at the 2000 level or above. At least 20 hours of the major must be in courses offered by the department of the major. Note: Some interdisciplinary majors are excluded from the 20-hour rule.

Students must earn at least a C- in a course for the course to apply to the major. However, students must receive a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all major course work. If a D+, D, or an E is earned in a course needed for the major, the course cannot be counted on the major. The major advisor will decide if the course should be repeated or if another course should be substituted. Courses taken on a pass/non-pass basis cannot be used on the major.

The department must approve all courses in the major. Some departments require a "major program form," a document that must be signed by the academic advisor and submitted with the graduation application. Some departments do not require such a form because the academic advisors use an automated version on the degree audit report. Some departments require both. In any case, students should meet with the academic advisor early to plan the major; during your meeting, it can be determined whether the department requires a paper major program form. Any changes or adjustments to the major should be made in consultation with the academic advisor.

If a student transferred from another institution, no more than half of the credit hours on the major program may consist of transfer credit. The academic advisor, the chairperson of the department, and the appropriate assistant dean must approve any request for a variation in this policy.

For Honors students, the GE curriculum and major must be approved by the assigned Honors advisor. Information about the honors curriculum and requirements and how to schedule an appointment with an honors advisor is available on the College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program website: <http://aschonors.osu.edu/advising>. Students will also be assigned a faculty advisor in the department of study to help the student choose courses and co-curricular opportunities that align with academic and professional goals.

For more information about internship and career opportunities, visit the College of Arts and Sciences Career Services Office. Their website is <http://asccareerservices.osu.edu/>.