
















# GEOGRAPHY, B.A.






 - General Education Course

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## Major

The Core Curriculum is designed to foster critical thinking skills and introduce students to basic domains of thinking that transcend disciplines. The Core applies to all majors. Information on specific classes in the Core can be found at <https://www.marshall.edu/gened/>.


Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Curriculum</b>		
<i>Core 1: Critical Thinking</i>		
FYS 100	First Yr Sem Critical Thinking	3
STA 225  	Introductory Statistics (CT)	3
GEO 100 	Intro to Human Geography (CT)	3
<i>Core 2</i>		
ENG 101 	Beginning Composition	3
ENG 201  	Advanced Composition	3
CMM 103 	Fund Speech-Communication	3
STA 225 	Introductory Statistics (CT)	3
	Core II Natural/Physical Science	4
	Core II Humanities	3
GEO 100 	Intro to Human Geography (CT) (Core II Social Science)	3
	Core II Fine Arts	3
<i>Additional University Requirements</i>		
	Writing Intensive	3
	Writing Intensive (300/400)	3
GEO 100 	Intro to Human Geography (CT) (Multicultural or International)	3
GEO 498 	Senior Capstone	2
GEO 499 	Senior Capstone II	2
<b>College-Specific</b>		
	Foreign Language 101	3
	Foreign Language 102	3
	Foreign Language 203	3
	Foreign Language 204	3
	COLA Literature	3
	COLA Literature	3
	COLA Humanities	3
	COLA Social Science	3
	COLA Social Science	3
	COLA Social Science	3
GEO 101 	Physical Geography (CT) (COLA Natural/Physical Science)	4
	COLA International Credit	3
	COLA Multicultural Credit	3
<b>Major-Specific</b>		

GEO 100 	Intro to Human Geography (CT)	3
GEO 101  	Physical Geography (CT)	4
GEO 300	Methods in Geography	3
GEO 423	Cartography & GIS	3
GEO 498 	Senior Capstone	2
GEO 499 	Senior Capstone II	2
Regional Geography		3
Human or Regional GEO Elective		3
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GEO Elective		3
GEO Elective		3
Free Elective		3
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## Major Information

- The total number of free electives will depend on the amount of double and triple counting of requirements.
- See course attributes each semester for courses that meet multiple requirements.
- Questions about requirements should be directed to the College of Liberal Arts (304-696-2350). Core II and COLA requirements may not be double counted.
- Forty-eight credit hours (sixteen 3-hour courses) must be at the 300/400 level.
- Students must earn a C or better in ENG 201 Advanced Composition and all foreign language courses.
- Minimum of 120 hours to graduate.
- The B.A. in Geography degree requires a minimum total of 39 hours of geography coursework. Beyond the Geography Core Requirements, students choose a minimum of 9 credit hours from Human or Regional Geography. Remaining electives may be chosen from any GEO courses.

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## Four Year Plan

Geography is the systematic study of the spatial aspects of human activity, the natural world, and human-environment interaction. The discipline of Geography occupies a unique position as a bridge between the social sciences (Human Geography), natural sciences (Physical Geography), and STEM fields (GIScience). As a result, the Geography Department offers both a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. Both degrees offer students broad exposure to the various subfields of Geography and provide specialized career training and preparation. Geography is a rapidly expanding discipline with diverse career opportunities across the environmental sciences, social sciences, and technological fields in both the public and private sectors.

Course	Title	Credit Hours		
<b>First Year</b>				
<b>First Semester</b>				
CMM 103 🌿	Fund Speech-Communication	3	Human or Regional GEO Elective	3
ENG 101 🌿	Beginning Composition	3	GEO Elective	3
FYS 100	First Yr Sem Critical Thinking	3	Free Elective	3
GEO 100 🌿	Intro to Human Geography (CT) (MC/I)	3	Free Elective	3
STA 225 🌿🎓	Introductory Statistics (CT)	3		
UNI 100	Freshman First Class	1		
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>				
ENG 201 🌿🎓	Advanced Composition	3	<b>Second Semester</b>	
GEO 101 🌿🎓	Physical Geography (CT) (Core II Nat/Phys Science)	4	GEO 499 🌿 Senior Capstone II	2
Writing Intensive		3	GEO Elective	3
Core II Humanities		3	Free Elective	3
Core II Fine Arts		3	Free Elective	3
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>	Free Elective	2
			<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
			<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Second Year</b>				
<b>First Semester</b>				
COLA Humanities		3		
Regional Geography		3		
Foreign Language 101		3		
COLA Literature		3		
COLA Social Science		3		
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>		
<b>Second Semester</b>				
Foreign Language 102		3		
COLA Physical/Natural Science		4		
COLA Literature		3		
GEO 300	Methods in Geography	3		
COLA Social Science		3		
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>		
<b>Third Year</b>				
<b>First Semester</b>				
COLA Social Science		3		
Foreign Language 203		3		
GEO 423	Cartography & GIS	3		
Human or Regional GEO Elective		3		
COLA Multicultural		3		
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>		
<b>Second Semester</b>				
Foreign Language 204		3		
300/400 Writing Intensive		3		
Human or Regional GEO Elective		3		
COLA International		3		
Free Elective		3		
<b>Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>		
<b>Fourth Year</b>				
<b>First Semester</b>				
GEO 498 🌿	Senior Capstone	2		