

The Ohio State University  
College of Arts and Sciences

Geography Minor (GEOG-MN)

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**Overview**

Geography is a unique discipline that integrates knowledge across the social and natural sciences to provide robust ways of understanding our world. The geography minor is intended to accommodate the interests and the needs of students from a variety of areas who want to develop a coherent educational program from the courses offered. In consultation with the Department of Geography's undergraduate advisor, students should meet to discuss and determine a program. Listed below are five customized sample plans, each focusing on core strengths of OSU Geography.

**Minor Requirements**

The minor in Geography requires five courses (a minimum of 14 credit hours) in Geography or Atmospheric Sciences. Courses need to be approved by the undergraduate advisor.

- No more than two courses can be at the 2000-level
- At least one course must be 4000-level or higher.
- No more than three credit hours may be of internship, research and/or individual study

**Sample Plans**

***1. Our Urban World***

**Foundational Course:**

GEOG 2500: Cities and their Global Spaces

**Elective Courses:**

GEOG 2400: Economic and Social Geography  
GEOG 2750: World Regional Geography  
GEOG 3300: Transportation Security  
GEOG 3597.01: World Urbanization  
GEOG 3600: Space, Power, and Political Geography  
GEOG 3701: The Making of the Modern World  
GEOG 3702: Life and Death Geographies  
GEOG 3750: Geography of North America  
GEOG 5300: Geography of Transportation  
GEOG 5401: Economies, Space, and Society  
GEOG 5402: Land Use Geography  
GEOG 5501: Urban Spaces in the Global Economy  
GEOG 5502: The Neoliberal City  
GEOG 5602: Urban Political Geography  
GEOG 5700: Geography of Development

***2. Global Inequality***

**Foundational Course:**

GEOG 2100: Human Geography

**Elective Courses:**

GEOG 2400: Economic and Social Geography  
GEOG 2500: Cities and their Global Spaces  
GEOG 2750: World Regional Geography  
GEOG 3597.01: World Urbanization  
GEOG 3600: Space, Power, and Political Geography  
GEOG 3701: The Making of the Modern World  
GEOG 3702: Life and Death Geographies: Global Population Dynamics  
GEOG 3750: Geography of North America  
GEOG 3800: Geographical Perspectives on Environment and Society  
GEOG 3900: Global Climate Change: Causes and Consequences  
GEOG 5401: Economies, Space, and Society  
GEOG 5501: Urban Spaces in the Global Economy  
GEOG 5502: The Neoliberal City  
GEOG 5601: Geography of Governmentalities  
GEOG 5602: Urban Political Geography  
GEOG 5700: Geography of Development

***3. Environment, Sustainability, and Development***

**Foundational Course:**

GEOG 2800: Our Global Environment

**Electives:**

GEOG 3597.01: World Urbanization  
GEOG 3597.03: Environmental Citizenship  
GEOG 3702: Life and Death Geographies: Global Population Dynamics  
GEOG 3751: Geography of Ohio  
GEOG 3800: Geographic Perspectives on Environment and Society  
GEOG 3900: Global Climate Change: Causes and Consequences  
GEOG 3901: Global Climate and Environmental Change  
GEOG 3980: Biogeography: an introduction to Life on Earth  
GEOG 5300: Geography of Transportation  
GEOG 5401: Economies, Space, and Society  
GEOG 5402: Land Use Geography  
GEOG 5700: Geography of Development  
GEOG 5801: Environmental Conservation  
GEOG 5802: Globalization and Environment

#### **4. Networks, Locations, and Economies**

##### **Foundational Course:**

GEOG 2400: Economic and Social Geography

##### **Elective Courses:**

GEOG 2100: Human Geography  
GEOG 2200: Mapping Our World  
GEOG 3300: Transportation Security  
GEOG 3597.01: World Urbanization  
GEOG 3600: Space, Power, and Political Geography  
GEOG 3750: Geography of North America  
GEOG 3751: Geography of Ohio  
GEOG 3753: Geography of the European Union  
GEOG 5275: Locational Analysis  
GEOG 5300: Geography of Transportation  
GEOG 5401: Economies, Space, and Society  
GEOG 5402: Land Use Geography  
GEOG 5501: Urban Spaces in the Global Economy  
GEOG 5700: Geography of Development  
GEOG 5802: Globalization and Environment

#### **5. Climate Change**

##### **Foundational Course (Choose one):**

GEOG 3900: Global Climate Change  
GEOG 3901H: Global Climate and Environmental Change

##### **Elective Courses:**

Atmospheric Sciences 2940: Basic Meteorology  
GEOG 2800: Our Global Environment  
GEOG 2960: Introduction to Physical Geography  
GEOG 3597.03: Environmental Citizenship  
GEOG 3800: Geographical Perspectives on Environment and Society  
GEOG 3980: Biogeography: An Introduction to Life on Earth  
GEOG 5210: Fundamentals of GIS  
GEOG 5270: Geographic Applications of Remote Sensing  
GEOG 5801: Environmental Conservation  
GEOG 5900: Weather, Climate, and Global Warming

#### **6. Meteorology**

See Atmospheric Science Minor

#### **7. Geographic Information Systems, Spatial Analysis, and Mapping**

See Geographic Information Science minor

#### **Geography minor program guidelines**

The following guidelines govern minors.

Required for graduation No

Credit hours required A minimum of 14. 1000-level courses shall not be counted in the minor. No more than 2 courses can be at the 2000-level.

Transfer and EM credit hours allowed

A student is permitted to count up to 6 total hours of transfer credit and/or credit by examination.

Overlap with the GE A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.

Overlap with the major and additional minor(s)

- The minor must be in a different subject than the major.
- The minor must contain a minimum of 12 hours distinct from the major and/or additional minor(s).

Grades required

- Minimum C- for a course to be listed on the minor.
- Minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA for all minor course work
- Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count on the minor.
- No more than 3 credit hours of course graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor

X193 credits No more than 3 credit hours.

Minor approval

Minor course work must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor

Filing the minor program form The minor program form must be filed at least by the time the graduation application is submitted to a college/school counselor.

Changing the minor Once the minor program is filed in the college office, any changes must be approved by the academic unit offering the minor.

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