

# GEOGRAPHY - B.A.

MY ADVISOR'S NAME IS: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIREMENTS

**CORE CURRICULUM** 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 [marshall.edu/gened](http://marshall.edu/gened).

### CORE 1: CRITICAL THINKING

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	3	_____
STA 225	Critical Thinking Course	3	_____
GEO 100	Critical Thinking Course	3	_____
<b>Additional University Requirements</b>			
	Writing Intensive		_____
	Writing Intensive (300/400)		_____
GEO 100	Multicultural or International	3	_____
GEO 498	Capstone I	2	_____
GEO 499	Capstone II	2	_____

### CORE 2:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
ENG 101	Beginning Composition	3	_____
ENG 201	Composition II	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	Core II Social Science	3	_____
	Core II Fine Arts	3	_____

### COLLEGE-SPECIFIC

All liberal arts majors are required to complete the following College of Liberal Arts Requirements. These classes may not be counted towards Core II requirements.

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	Foreign Language 101	3	_____		COLA Social Science	3	_____
	Foreign Language 102	3	_____		COLA Social Science	3	_____
	Foreign Language 203	3	_____		COLA Social Science	3	_____
	Foreign Language 204	3	_____	GEO 101	COLA Natural/Physical Science	4	_____
	COLA Literature	3	_____		COLA International Credit	3	_____
	COLA Literature	3	_____		COLA Multicultural Credit	3	_____
	COLA Humanities	3	_____				

### MAJOR-SPECIFIC

Students who wish to major in Geography B.A. must take the following major specific courses:

CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
GEO 100	Human Geography (CT)	3	_____		GEO Elective	3	_____
GEO 101	Physical Geography (CT)	4	_____		GEO Elective	3	_____
GEO 300	Methods in Geography	3	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
GEO 423	Cartography and GIS	3	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
GEO 498	Senior Capstone I	2	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
GEO 499	Senior Capstone II (WI)	2	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
	Regional Geography	3	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
	Human or Regional 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 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.

Milestone Course: This is a key success marker for your major. See your advisor to discuss the importance of this course in your plan of study.

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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.

YEAR ONE	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	3	_____	ENG 201	Advanced Composition	3	_____
	ENG 101	Beginning Composition	3	_____	GEO 101	Core II Nat/Phys Science: Physical Geography (CT)	4	_____
	FYS 100	First Year Seminar	3	_____		Writing Intensive	3	_____
	GEO 100	Core II Social Science: Human Geography (CT, MC/I)	3	_____		Core II Humanities	3	_____
	STA 225	Introductory Statistics (CT)	3	_____		Core II Fine Arts	3	_____
	UNI 100	Freshman First Class	1	_____				
	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>	

Summer Term (optional):

YEAR TWO	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
		COLA Humanities	3	_____		Foreign Language 102	3	_____
		Regional Geography	3	_____		COLA Physical/Natural Science	4	_____
		Foreign Language 101	3	_____		COLA Literature	3	_____
		COLA Literature	3	_____	GEO 300	Methods in Geography	3	_____
		COLA Social Science	3	_____		COLA Social Science	3	_____
	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>16</b>	

Summer Term (optional):

YEAR THREE	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
		COLA Social Science	3	_____		Foreign Language 204	3	_____
		Foreign Language 203	3	_____		300/400 Writing Intensive	3	_____
	GEO 423	Cartography and GIS	3	_____		Human or Regional GEO Elective	3	_____
		Human or Regional GEO Elective	3	_____		COLA International	3	_____
		COLA Multicultural	3	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>15</b>	

Summer Term (optional):

YEAR FOUR	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER			
	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE	CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE
	GEO 498	Senior Capstone I	2	_____	GEO 499	Senior Capstone II	2	_____
		Human or Regional GEO Elective	3	_____		GEO Elective	3	_____
		GEO Elective	3	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
		Free Elective	3	_____		Free Elective	3	_____
		Free Elective	3	_____		Free Elective	2	_____
	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>14</b>		<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>		<b>13</b>	

Summer Term (optional):

● General Education Requirement  
■ College Requirement  
◆ Major Requirement  
◆ Area of Emphasis

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## INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- American Anthropological Association
- Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society
- Appalachian Studies Association
- Student Government Association
- Campus Activity Board
- JMELI
- Commuter Student Advisory Board
- Club Sports
- Political Organizations
- Residence Hall Association
- Cultural Organizations
- Greek Life

## RELATED MAJORS

- Environmental Science
- Geology
- Political Science
- Economics
- MIS
- History
- International Affairs
- Sociology

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Have a minimum of 120 credit hours (some colleges or majors require more);
- Have an overall and Marshall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher;
- Have an overall Grade Point Average of 2.00 or higher in the major area of study;
- Have earned a grade of C or better in English 201 or 201 H;
- Have met all major(s) and college requirements;
- Have met the requirements of the Core Curriculum;
- Have met the residence requirements of Marshall University, including 12 hours of 300/400 level coursework in the student's college (see section entitled "Residence Requirements" in the undergraduate catalogue);
- Be enrolled at Marshall at least one semester of the senior year;
- Have transferred no more than 72 credit hours from an accredited West Virginia two-year institution of higher education.

Colleges and specific programs may have unique requirements that are more stringent than those noted above. Students are responsible for staying informed about and ensuring that they meet the requirements for graduation.

This academic map is to be used as a guide in planning your coursework toward a degree. Due to the complexities of degree programs, it is unfortunate but inevitable that an error may occur in the creation of this document. The official source of degree requirements at Marshall University is DegreeWorks available in your myMU portal. Always consult regularly with your advisor.

## YEAR ONE



Have questions? Need to talk? You already have a Friend-At-Marshall ready to help you succeed. Find your FAM Peer Mentor here: [www.marshall.edu/fam](http://www.marshall.edu/fam)



Attend an intercultural festival or event on campus or in town.



In order to graduate on time, you need to take an average of 15 credits per semester. Are you on track? Take 15 to Finish!



Begin your foreign language sequence to meet your COLA requirements.



Stay on the Herd Path and come to class! Class attendance is more important to your success than your high school GPA, your class standing, or your ACT/SAT scores.



Excited about geography? Talk to a career education specialist about an exciting job shadow opportunity.



Take a pulse check. Know what you need to do every year to keep your grants, scholarships, or federal financial aid.



## YEAR THREE



Explore peer leadership opportunities through the FAM Program, or apply to be a UNI Peer Mentor.



Join the Geography Club or the Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society, or start a student organization of your own.



Enhance opportunities for practical experience. Secure an internship related to your field of study.



No need to wait until graduate school. Discuss undergraduate research opportunities with faculty in your major right now.



Want to continue your education and increase your opportunities for career advancement? Talk to our Graduate Director about whether graduate school fits your career goals.



Apply for the Sam E. Clagg Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding undergraduate geography major.



Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Junior Eval to make sure you know what requirements you have left.

## YEAR TWO



Are you completing enough credits to graduate on time? Dropping or failing a class can put you behind. Use summer terms to quickly get back on track.



Meet with a career education specialist to conduct a "gap analysis." Figure out the skills you'll need for the career you want while you still have time to build them.



Take a Community Based Learning (CBL) class that connects course content to the community. Stay engaged and make a difference.



Develop relationships with professors who can serve as future references by attending their office hours.



Have you considered adding a minor? Think about personal areas of interest you'd like to explore or how you might enhance your major with a related skill set.



College is a great time to experience the world! Consider studying abroad in the summer, during Spring Break, or for an entire semester.



Join the Geography Club or the Gamma Theta Upsilon Honor Society.

## YEAR FOUR



Did you do really well in a hard course? Become a Tutor or a Supplemental Instructor.



Consider applying for a year-long service opportunity after graduation like AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, Teach for America, City Year, or Literacy Lab.



Strengthen your resume and enhance your presentation skills. Present what you've learned at an academic conference off campus.



This is it! Are you on track to graduate? Meet with your advisor for your Senior Eval to see what requirements you have left.



Join professional associations in your field such as the Association of American Geographers or the North American Cartographic Information Society.



Prepare to present at the COLA Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference in April



Complete graduate admissions exams (GRE, MCAT, LSAT) the summer before your senior year.

## TRANSFERABLE SKILLS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MAJOR

- Technological Literacy
- Information Management
- Cultural Awareness
- Analytical Skills
- Project Planning
- Gathering, Organizing, and Interpreting Data
- Conducting Field Studies
- Interviewing Different Populations

## ASSOCIATED CAREERS

- Economic Development
- Environmental Conservation
- Cartography
- International Business
- Regional and Urban Planning
- Assessor
- GIS Specialist
- Department of Highways
- Field Technician



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