

GEOGRAPHY - B.A.

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.

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	_____
Additional University Requirements			
_____	Writing Intensive	3	_____
_____	Writing Intensive	3	_____
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	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	Human Geography (CT)	● ♦ 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	2	_____
_____	Human or Regional GEO 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.

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

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.

FALL SEMESTER					SPRING SEMESTER					
CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		CODE	COURSE NAME	HRS	GRADE		
YEAR ONE	CMM 103	Fund Speech-Communication	●	3	_____	ENG 201	Advanced Composition	●	3	_____
	ENG 101	Beginning Composition	●	3	_____	GEO 101	COLA Nat/Phys Science: Physical Geography (CT)	■◆	4	_____
	FYS 100	First Year Seminar Crit Thinking	●	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	_____					
	TOTAL HOURS			16		TOTAL HOURS			16	
	Summer Term (optional):									
YEAR TWO	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER					
	_____	COLA Humanities	■	3	_____	_____	Foreign Language 102	■	3	_____
	_____	Regional Geography	◆	3	_____	_____	Core II: 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	_____
TOTAL HOURS			15		TOTAL HOURS			16		
Summer Term (optional):										
YEAR THREE	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER					
	_____	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	_____	
TOTAL HOURS			15		TOTAL HOURS			15		
Summer Term (optional):										
YEAR FOUR	FALL SEMESTER				SPRING SEMESTER					
	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	_____	
TOTAL HOURS			14		TOTAL HOURS			13		
Summer Term (optional):										

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◆ Major Requirement

■ College Requirement

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