# **GEOGRAPHY, MAJOR**

Liberal Arts (Code 140-214)

# **University Requirements**

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BACCALAUREATE** DEGREE

Credit Requirements	
Minimum total for graduation <sup>1</sup>	120
Upper division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher)	39
Liberal Education Core (http://catalog.uwec.edu/	36
undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header1)	
Academic Concentrations (http://catalog.uwec.edu/	
undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header16)	
Grade Point Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/ undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header14) <sup>2</sup>	
Total	2.00 average
Resident	2.00 average
Major	2.00 average
Minor	2.00 average
Certificate	2.00 average
University Residency Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header15)	
Minimum total	30
Senior year	23
Major, Standard, upper division in residence	12
Major, Comprehensive, upper division in residence	21
Certificate	25 percent of
	credits
Procedures Required for Graduation	

Obtain admission to the degree program and/or the College offering it.

Apply for graduation on CampS.

# **Applicability of Credits Toward Graduation**

Junior College or Two-Year College Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in a junior college or two-year college will be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire.

Extension Credits. Credits earned in credit outreach courses offered by UW-Eau Claire are treated as resident credits. Credits earned in extension courses offered by other units of the University of Wisconsin System are treated as transfer credits. All other (non-UW) extension and correspondence credits are normally limited to one-fourth of the total required for graduation from any curriculum.

WTCS Credits. A maximum of 72 semester credits earned in college parallel programs at Madison Area Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Nicolet Area Technical College, or Chippewa Valley Technical College may be accepted as degree credits at UW-Eau Claire. A set number of general education courses will be accepted from other technical schools. Occupational and technical courses may also be considered for transfer if the quality and content of the course work from the technical college is judged

to be comparable to course work at UW-Eau Claire. Refer to the Transfer Credit Wizard (https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/ EAU\_SS\_CUSTOM.EAU\_TRNCRDWZ.GBL) or contact the UW-Eau Claire Admissions Office for information about the current transfer policy.

USAFI Credit. UW-Eau Claire will accept up to 32 semester credits for work done through the United States Armed Forces Institute, under the provision for non-UW correspondence credit (see Extension Credits above).

Activity Credit (band, chorus, drama, KINS 100-184 courses) Students may count toward graduation no more than one credit of KINS 110-184 courses. Students may count toward graduation no more than four credits earned in any single activity course and no more than 12 credits resulting from any combination of activity courses (excluding KINS 110-184 courses).

Other Restricted Credits. For other University restrictions, see the following: Cooperative Education; Credit by Examination; Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Registration; Transfer of Credits. College or departmental restrictions may also be placed on Independent Study (399-499 courses), Directed Study (395-495), and other types of credits.

APPLICABILITY OF CREDITS TOWARD GRADUATION	Credit Restrictions
Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory	
Total degree credit	maximum 12
Major, Standard	maximum 1 course
Major, Comprehensive	maximum 2 courses
Minor	maximum 1 course
Credit by Examination	
Total degree credit	maximum ¼ of total
Major or minor	maximum ½ of total
Two-Year College Credits	
Total degree credit	maximum 72 credits
Activity credit (band, chorus, drama, KINS 100-184)	
Total KINS 100-184	maximum 1 credit
Total Band, chorus, drama	maximum 12 credits
Single course band, chorus, drama	maximum 4 credits
Extension credits	
UW-System	no maximum
Other extension/correspondence	maximum ¼ of total
USAFI	
USAFI	maximum 32 credits

### **Liberal Education Core**

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire measures learning outcomes to ensure that its graduates have achieved a liberal education and prepared themselves to contribute to a complex society. Upon graduation, each undergraduate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Certain programs exceed this minimum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See special requirements in each College.

will have met the five learning goals of our liberal education core and the 12 learning outcomes they comprise.

LIBERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS	a minimum of 36 credits
Knowledge Goal	
Knowledge Outcome 1 (K1): Natural Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 2 (K2): Social Sciences (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k2/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One experience in laboratory science must be selected from either K1 or K2.	
Knowledge Outcome 3 (K3): Humanities (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k3/)	Two (2) learning experiences
Knowledge Outcome 4 (K4): Fine Arts (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-k4/)	One (1) learning experience
Skills Goal	
Skills Outcome 1 (S1): Written and Oral Communication (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One S1 must meet the University Writing Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header10)	
Skills Outcome 2 (S2): Mathematics (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S2/)	One (1) learning experience
One S2 to meet the University Mathematics Requirement (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduation-requirements/#header11)	
Skills Outcome 3 (S3): Creativity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-S3/)	One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Goal	
Responsibility Outcome 1 (R1): Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
One R1 must satisfy Design for Diversity (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-DDIV/#header13)	
Responsibility Outcome 2 (R2): Global Perspectives (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R2/)	One (1) learning experience
Responsibility Outcome 3 (R3): Civic and Environmental Issues (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-R3/)	One (1) learning experience
Integration Goal	
Integration Outcome 1 (I1): Integration (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/attribute-I1/)	Two (2) learning experiences
Service-Learning Goal	

Service-Learning (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/ attribute-SL/#header13)

30 hours

# **College Degree Requirements Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science Degree** (B.A./B.S.)

University Graduation Requirements. All candidates for degrees must fulfill the requirements for credits, curriculum, GPA, and University residency as specified in the section of this catalog titled University Graduation Requirements (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/graduationrequirements/).

College Graduation Requirements: Grade Point Averages. All candidates for degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences must earn minimum resident and total GPAs of 2.00 in the major, the minor, and the certificate. The resident and total GPAs for the major are computed using all attempted credits applicable to the major including those offered by departments other than the major department. The resident and total GPAs for the minor and the certificate are computed similarly.

Major-Minor and Major-Certificate Requirements. A standard major (a minimum of 36 credits) must be supplemented by a minor (a minimum of 24 credits) or by a certificate (12 to 18 credits) to meet graduation requirements for completing a first and second degree program. No minor or certificate is required with a Comprehensive Major (60 or more credits) or with two majors of 36 or more credits each.

Certain degree programs, which include Comprehensive Majors, may require more than the minimum of 120 credits for graduation.

Acceptable academic program combinations are determined at the college level. A major and a minor or a major and certificate or two majors (if available) may not be elected in the same department or program, except in the approved combinations listed here (http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/ arts-sciences/#academicprogramstext).

College Credits. Earn at least 90 credits in courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences.

# Bachelor of Arts Degree in the College of Arts and Sciences (B.A.)

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); foreign language competency at the 102 level. Foreign language competency may be met in one of two ways: (1) Achieve a score on the foreign language placement test that qualifies the student to enter the 201-level course in a foreign language. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in a 102-level foreign language course (or AIS 112 or AIS 122 / LANG 122 or CSD 103).

# **Bachelor of Science Degree in the College of Arts** and Sciences (B.S.)

Fulfillment of all University Graduation Requirements (which includes the Liberal Education Core); all College-level degree requirements (major and minor/certificate emphases, GPAs, earning at least 90 credits in Arts and Sciences course work); mathematics competency at the MATH 111, MATH 112 or MATH 113 level. Mathematics competency can be met in one of three ways: (1) Achieve a score on the mathematics placement test that qualifies the student to enter MATH 114. (2) Earn a grade of at least C (not C-) or a mark of S in MATH 111, MATH 112, or MATH 113. (3) Achieve a satisfactory score on the

MATH 112 competency test. This test may be attempted no more than two times.

# **Major Requirements**

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Code	Title	Credits
A minimum of 36 sem	ester credits consisting of the Geography	
Major Core Requireme	ents:	
GEOG 104	Planet Earth: The Physical Environment	4
GEOG 111	Planet Earth: Human Geography	3
GEOG 178	Planet Earth: Conservation of the	3
	Environment	
GEOG 200	Foundations of Geography	3
GEOG 335	Geographic Information Systems I	3
GEOG 370	Quantitative Methods in Geography	3
GEOG 401	Capstone Seminar	3
Five additional course Advanced Geography	s to be selected from three of five Approaches <sup>1</sup>	

One of the additional courses must be GEOG 368 - note that the Advanced Geography Approach to which it applies may vary by semester

# **Advanced Geography Approaches**

Five courses from at least three advanced approaches are required for major programs. Four courses from at least three advanced approaches are required for minor programs.

## **Physical Geography**

GEOG 304	Introduction to Geomorphology	4
GEOG 340	Climatology	3
GEOG 345	Quaternary Environments	3
GEOG 350	Soils and the Environment	4
GEOG 355	Biogeography	3
GEOG 363	Watershed Analysis	4
GEOG 364	Fluvial Processes and Landforms	4

# **Human-Environmental Geography**

GEOG 270	Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning	3
GEOG 341	Weather and Society	3
GEOG 361	Environmental Hazards	3
GEOG 365	Tourism Geographies	3
GEOG 375	Environmental Quality	3
GEOG 377	U.S. Environmental and Sustainability Policy	3
GEOG 378	International Environmental Problems and Policy	3
GEOG 445	Historical Geography	3

# **Human Geography**

GEOG 155	Economic Geography	3
GEOG 288	Cultural Landscapes of North America	3
GEOG 312	Space, Society, Subject	3
GEOG 313	Culture and Transnational Dynamics	3
GEOG 322	Native Geographies	3

GEOG 352	Business Geographics	3	
GEOG 354	Sustainable Placemaking and Community	3	
GEOG 366	Geography International Immersion Experience	1-3	
GEOG 367	Landscape Analysis: Cultural	3	
GEOG 369	Geography of Food	3	
GEOG 444	Legal Geographies of Race in the U.S.	3	
GEOG 446	Political Geography	3	
GEOG 470	Urban Geography	3	
Geography Techniques			
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	GEOG 280	Introduction to Cartography and Visualization	3
	GEOG 335	Geographic Information Systems I <sup>1</sup>	3
	GEOG 336	Geospatial Field Methods	3
	GEOG 337	Geographic Information Systems II	3
	GEOG 338	Remote Sensing of the Environment	3
	GEOG 339	Applied Cartography and Geovisualization	3
	GEOG 358	LiDAR Analysis & Applications	3
	GEOG 370	Quantitative Methods in Geography <sup>1</sup>	3
	GEOG 390	Geospatial Applications of UAS	3
	GEOG 435	Geographic Information Systems III	3
	GEOG 438	Remote Sensing Data Analytics	3
	GEOG 455	Web Geographic Information Systems	3

# Regional Geography

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	GEOG 301	Geography of Western Europe	3
	GEOG 308	Geography of Russia and Eastern Europe	3
	GEOG 319	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa	3
	GEOG 321	Geography of Latin America	3
	GEOG 325	Geography of the United States and Canada	3
	GEOG 379	Geography of Wisconsin	3

### **Other Geography Courses**

The following courses can be applied to any of the five approaches with consent of the advisor:

GEOG 368	Geography Field Seminar <sup>1</sup>	3
GEOG 395	Directed Studies	1-3
GEOG 399	Independent Study - Juniors	1-3
GEOG 491	Advanced Special Topics	1-3
GEOG 498	Geography Internship	1-3
GEOG 499	Independent Study - Seniors	1-3

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Required courses.

# **Program Learning Outcomes**

Students completing this program will be expected to meet the following learning outcomes:

• Content: Geographic Foundation: Demonstrate geographical knowledge, understanding, and significance through analysis, explanation, and critique (Explain where things are located, why they are located where they are, what difference that location makes, and to whom).

#### Skills:

- Geographic Techniques: Effectively use and apply the tools of geographic inquiry (e.g., field and laboratory to gather quantitative and qualitative geographic data; GIS to acquire, manage, display, and analyze spatial data in digital form; cartography to display spatial information effectively; and spatial statistical methods to model and make inferences about spatial relationships and patterns).
- Communication: Effectively explain how geographic approaches and perspectives are used to address socially/environmentally relevant questions and problems and why identifying the underlying spatial relationships is significant.

#### · Responsibility:

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI): Use geographic knowledge and skills to evaluate assumptions, representations, and institutions in order to challenge existing structures in ways that respect diversity and foster social/environmental equity and inclusivity.
- Ethics: Use geographic knowledge and skills to address social and environmental challenges in ways that maximize the benefits and minimize the harm to others.

### · Dispositions:

- Interdisciplinary perspective: Synthesize the information, concepts, and methods of the humanities and the natural and social sciences for geographic research and applications.
- Relational perspective: Explain how people, places, and regions are linked by networks and processes across space and scale (such as local-global, within regions, globalization, trade, immigration, internet technology, climate).

# Sample Degree Plans Geography, Major, B.A. & B.S., 2-Yr

The following is a sample degree plan, based on the 2023-2024 catalog. It is based on the 120-credit graduation requirement and assumes no transferred credits, no requirements waived by placement tests, no courses taken in the summer or winter, no repeated courses, and no remedial courses that may be required. This sample degree plan is intended for first-year students entering UW-Eau Claire in the fall semester. Your own degree plan may differ depending on the course of study selected (second major, minor, etc.). UW-Eau Claire cannot guarantee all courses will be offered as shown, but will provide a range of courses that may enable prepared students to fulfill their requirements in a timely period. This sample degree plan is just a guide. Please consult your advisor, your degree audit, and the catalog to create your own degree plan. *Note*: In order to earn the required minimum of 120 credits for the degree in four years, you should plan to take 15 credits each semester or 30 credits each year.

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#### **FIRST YEAR**

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• •	oroximately 30 Credits and progress toward , and Liberal Education Requirements.	
TOTAL	, and Liberal Education Requirements.	30
SECOND YEAR		50
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THIRD YEAR		
FIRST SEMESTER		
GEOG 178	Planet Earth: Conservation of the Environment (LE-K1, LE-I1)	3
GEOG 200	Foundations of Geography	3
GEOG 104	Planet Earth: The Physical Environment (LE-K1 + Lab)	4
Second Program		3
Second Program		3
SECOND SEMESTE	ER	
GEOG 335	Geographic Information Systems I	3
GEOG 111	Planet Earth: Human Geography (LE- K2, LE-I1)	3
GEOG Advanced A	pproach: Human-Environment Geography <sup>a</sup>	3
Second Program		3
Second Program		3
TOTAL		31
FOURTH YEAR		
FIRST SEMESTER		
GEOG 368	Geography Field Seminar (Advanced Approach)	3
GEOG 370	Quantitative Methods in Geography	3
GEOG Advanced A	pproach: Human Geography	3
Second Program		3
SECOND SEMESTE	ER	
GEOG 401	Capstone Seminar (LE-S3)	3
GEOG Advanced A	pproach: Geography Techniques	3
	pproach: Human-Environment Geography	
Elective - Upper Le	vel <sup>b</sup>	3
Second Program		3
TOTAL		30

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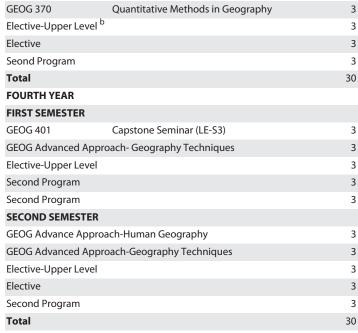
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#### **FIRST YEAR**

**FIRST SEMESTER** 

GEOG 178	Planet Earth: Conservation of the Environment (LE- K1, I1)	3
WRIT 114	Intensive Blugold Seminar in Critical Reading and Writing (LE-S1)	5
OR		
WRIT 116	Blugold Seminar in Critical Reading and Writing (LE-S1)	
LE Option: Knowledge	3 (LE-K3) Humanities	3
Foreign Language- 101-Level (LE-S1)		4
SECOND SEMESTER		
GEOG 104	Planet Earth: The Physical Environment (LE-K1L)	4
GEOG 111	Planet Earth: Human Geography (LE- K2, I1)	3
LE Option: Knowledge	2 (LE-K2) Social Sciences	3
Foreign Language- 102-Level (LE-S1)		4
Total		30
SECOND YEAR		
FIRST SEMESTER		
GEOG 200	Foundations of Geography	3
GEOG 335	Geographic Information Systems I	3
LE Option: Knowledge	4 (LE-K4) Fine Arts	3
LE Option: Responsibility 2 (LE-R2) Global Perspectives		3
Seond Program		3
SECOND SEMESTER		
GEOG Advanced Approach- Human Geography (LE-K2) <sup>a</sup>		3
LE Option: Responsibility 1 (LE-R1) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity		3
LE Option: Skills 2 (LE-S2) Mathematics		4
LE Option: Responsibility 3 (LE-R3) Civic and Environmental Issues		3
Second Program		3
Total		30
THIRD YEAR		
FIRST SEMESTER		
GEOG Advanced Appro	oach-Human-Environment Geography	3
LE Option: Responsibility 1 (LE-R1, DDIV) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity with Design for Diversity		3
Elective		3
Second Program		3
Second Program		3
SECOND SEMESTER		
GEOG 368	Geography Field Seminar (Advanced Approach)	3



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## **Liberal Education (LE) Core Guidance**

#### **Liberal Education Core (LE Core)**

The LE Core comprises 17 learning experiences across 11 learning outcomes. Students must complete a minimum of 36 credits in courses approved for the LE Core.

- K1 Natural Sciences; two experiences (one lab science experience is required in K1 or K2).
- K2 Social Sciences; two experiences (one lab science experience is required in K1 or K2).
- · K3 Humanities; two experiences.
- K4 Fine Arts; one experience.
- S1 Written and Oral Communication; two experiences (one experience must satisfy the University writing requirement).
- S2 Mathematics; one experience (must satisfy the University math competency requirement).
- S3 Creativity; one experience (can be fulfilled in a student's major).
- R1 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity; two experiences (one experience must meet the UW System Design for Diversity (DD) requirement).
- R2 Global Perspectives; one experience.
- R3 Civic and Environmental Issues; one experience.
- 11 Integration; two experiences (one experience can be fulfilled in a student's major).
- · SL—Service Learning; 30 hours

### **Additional LE Core Information**

- Most LE Core learning experiences are course based, and many courses meet more than one learning outcome (e.g., K3 and R2 or K1 and R3).
- Some learning experiences can also be met outside of a traditional course (e.g., undergraduate research (S3), study abroad (I1)).
- · S1 An English placement score that fulfills the University writing requirement fulfills one S1 experience.

- S1 A foreign Language placement score that qualifies the student to enter the 102 level satisfies one S1 experience.
- S1, R2 A foreign language placement score that qualifies the student to enter the 202 level satisfies one experience in S1 and the R2 experience.
- S2 A math placement score that qualifies the student to enter Math 111, 112, 113 or 114 fulfills the S2 experience.
- S3 Completion of two credits from any approved music ensemble fulfills the S3 experience.
- 11 Any semester long study abroad program can fulfill one 11 experience.