

Program Change Request

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Catalog Pages
Using this Program
[Geography Minor](#)

Are you completing this form on someone else's behalf?

No

Effective Catalog: 2026-2027

Program Level: Undergraduate

Program Type: Minor

Title:
Geography Minor

Banner Title: Geography Minor

Registrar's Office
Use Only –
Program Start Term

Registrar/OAPI Use
Only – SACSCOC
Status

College/School: College of Science

Department /
Academic Unit: Geography & Geoinformation Science

Jointly Owned
Program? No

Is there an
embedded degree

In Workflow

1. GGS Chair
2. SC Curriculum Committee
3. SC Assistant Dean
4. Assoc Provost- Undergraduate
5. Registrar-Programs

Approval Path

1. 02/05/26 10:49 am
Nathan Burtch
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for GGS Chair

History

1. Nov 9, 2017 by
clmig-jwehrheim
2. Mar 15, 2018 by
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3. May 6, 2022 by
Timothy Leslie
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as part of a program?

Justification

What: Adding new systematic courses.

Why: GGS 352, 355, and 356 are new systematic courses that should be available for GEOG minor students. GGS 346 was created recently and is applicable here too. GGS 399 is our special topics course and should be available to minors.

Catalog Published Information

Total Credits Required: Total credits: 15-16

Registrar's Office Use Only - Program Code:
GEOG

Registrar/IRR Use Only – Program CIP Code

Admission Requirements:

Program-Specific Policies:

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see [AP.5.3.4 Minors](#). Students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. For policies governing all undergraduate programs, see [AP.5 Undergraduate Policies](#).

Degree Requirements: Students should refer to the [Admissions & Policies](#) tab for specific policies related to this program.

Core Courses

GGS 102	Physical Geography(Mason Core)	3-4
or GGS 121	Dynamic Atmosphere and Hydrosphere(Mason Core)	
or GGS 122	Dynamic Geosphere and Ecosphere	
GGS 101	Major World Regions(Mason Core)	3
or GGS 103	Human Geography(Mason Core)	
Total Credits		6-7

Systematic and Regional Requirement

Select one course in systematic geography and one course in regional geography:

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Systematic Geography:

<u>GGS 301</u>	Political Geography(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>GGS 302</u>	Global Environmental Hazards
<u>GGS 303</u>	Geography of Resource Conservation(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>GGS 304</u>	Population Geography(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>GGS 305</u>	Economic Geography
<u>GGS 306</u>	Urban Geography
<u>GGS 307</u>	Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development
<u>GGS 309</u>	Introduction to Weather and Climate
<u>GGS 312</u>	Physical Climatology
<u>GGS 314</u>	Severe and Extreme Weather
<u>GGS 321</u>	Biogeography
<u>GGS 340</u>	Health Geography
<u>GGS 344</u>	Military Geography
<u>GGS 346</u>	<u>Geography of Religions and Belief Systems</u>
<u>GGS 352</u>	<u>Sports and Place</u>
<u>GGS 355</u>	<u>Cities of the World</u>
<u>GGS 356</u>	<u>Transportation Geography</u>
<u>GGS 357</u>	Urban Planning
<u>GGS 399</u>	<u>Special Topics in Geography</u>

Regional Geography:

<u>GGS 315</u>	Geography of the United States
<u>GGS 316</u>	Geography of Latin America
<u>GGS 317</u>	Modern China: A Geographical Appraisal of its Land, People, Culture, and Politics(<u>Mason Core</u>)
<u>GGS 320</u>	Geography of Europe

<u>GGG 325</u>	Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
<u>GGG 326</u>	Geography of Eastern Europe and Russia
<u>GGG 333</u>	Issues in Regional Geography
<u>GGG 380</u>	Geography of Virginia

Total Credits 6

Upper-level Electives

[One upper-level GGS elective](#) 3

Total Credits 3

Retroactive Requirements Updates:

Program Outcomes

Have you reached out to the Libraries to determine whether there are adequate resources to support your program? If not, please email Meg Meiman, Associate University Librarian for Learning, Research, and Engagement at mmeiman2@gmu.edu.

OAPI Use Only – Determination of SACSCOC Impact

Comments or Notes

Green Leaf Program Designation

Is this a Green Leaf program? No

Does this program cover material which crosses into another department?

No

Additional Attachments

Reviewer Comments

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Is this course required of all students in this degree program?

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