

# GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES

## College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

### Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

**As a University of Maryland student, you are an informed and active participant in your education. Therefore, you should:**

- Know your benchmark/gateway and degree requirements
- Develop a graduation plan which leads to a timely graduation
- Review your academic audit and evaluate your career planning progress during your junior year
- Take appropriate actions to remove registration blocks and register on time
- Adhere to University and College policies and deadlines
- Be responsible for your academic actions and decisions

**Academic and Career Planning advisors are here to assist you in meeting your educational and professional goals. Therefore, the College is committed to the following:**

- Introducing you to major and University requirements upon your entrance to a BSOS major
- Providing assistance during academic difficulty
- Referring you to helpful campus resources
- Providing academic and career advising throughout your undergraduate career

## Advising Resources

### Feller Center - Advising & Career Planning

*General questions, registration, exceptions to University policy, academic probation, limited enrollment questions, graduation concerns, career planning*

2nd Floor Tydings Hall  
(301) 405-1697

Advising Email: [BSOSAdvising@umd.edu](mailto:BSOSAdvising@umd.edu)  
Career Planning Email: [BSOSCareers@umd.edu](mailto:BSOSCareers@umd.edu)

### Department Advising

*Major requirements and courses, registration, internships, career questions, department permission for courses*

**\*\*All GEOG students have mandatory advising every semester\*\***

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## GEOG Major Benchmarks

**Benchmark Requirements:** In accordance with University policy, the Department of Geographical Sciences has established benchmark requirements. Students are expected to demonstrate continuing progress in their majors by completing prerequisite or required courses with the appropriate grades within an established timeframe. Students who do not complete benchmark requirements will need to choose a new major and will not be permitted to return to the Geographical Sciences major at a later time.

**Benchmark 1:** *GEOG majors must complete the following courses within two semesters of entering the major:*

- Academic Writing with C– or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course 1 with D– or higher
- Additional Gen Ed course 2 with D– or higher
- MATH120, MATH140, **or** MATH136 with C– or higher (Seats in MATH136 are only available for students majoring in CMNS-Biological Sciences)
- GEOG201 & GEOG211 **or** GEOG202 with C– or higher
- Additional GEOG course of choice {excluding GEOG100} with C– or higher

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UID: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES- BS

| General Education Requirements  |              |         |       |
|---|--------------|---------|-------|
| Fundamental Studies   |              |         |       |
| Requirements: 15 credits  | Course       | Credits | Grade |
| AW: Academic Writing  | ENGL101      | 3       |       |
| PW: Professional Writing — Taken after 60 credits   |              | 3       |       |
| OC: Oral Communication  |              | 3       |       |
| MA: Fundamental Studies Math  | MATH 120/140 | 3/4     |       |
| AR: Analytic Reasoning  | MATH 120/140 | 3/4     |       |
| Distributive Studies  |              |         |       |
| Requirements: 25 credits  | Course       | Credits | Grade |
| NL: Natural Sciences Lab  | GEOG 201/211 | 4       |       |
| NS: Natural Sciences  |              | 3/4     |       |
| HS: History and/or Social Sciences  | GEOG202      | 3       |       |
| HS: History and/or Social Sciences  |              | 3       |       |
| HU: Humanities  |              | 3       |       |
| HU: Humanities  |              | 3       |       |
| SP: Scholarship in Practice (overlap permitted with major requirement)                        |              | 3       |       |
| SP: Scholarship in Practice (must be non-major requirement)                                   |              | 3       |       |
| Signature Courses (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Diversity)                     |              |         |       |
| Requirements: 6 credits   | Course       | Credits | Grade |
| IS: Big Question  |              | —/3     |       |
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| Diversity (overlap permitted with Distributive Studies/Signature Courses)                     |              |         |       |
| Requirements: 4—6 credits   | Course       | Credits | Grade |
| UP: Understanding Plural Societies  |              | 3       |       |
| CC: Cultural Competency OR UP: Understanding Plural Societies                                 | GEOG202      | 1—3     |       |
| <b>TOTAL General Education Credits</b>  |              |         |       |
| General Education requirements must total at least 40 credits                                 |              |         |       |
| Requirements for Graduation:  |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a C– or higher in Academic Writing and all major requirements   |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a D– or higher in every Gen Ed course except Academic Writing   |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a 2.0 average in all courses used to satisfy major requirements |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15 of the final 30 credits must be earned at the 300-400 level       |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12 upper level major credits must be earned at UMD                   |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At least 30 credits must be earned at UMD                            |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a cumulative 2.0 GPA in all UMD coursework                      |              |         |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earn a minimum of 120 credits  |              |         |       |

| GEOG Major Requirements  |               |       |
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| Requirements   | Credits       | Grade |
| Benchmark 1 Requirements   |               |       |
| Academic Writing (C– or higher)  | —             |       |
| Additional Gen Ed course 1 (D– or higher)  |               |       |
| Additional Gen Ed course 2 (D– or higher)  | —             |       |
| MATH120, MATH140 <b>or</b> MATH136 (C– or higher)<br>(Seats in MATH136 are only available for students majoring in CMNS-Biological Sciences)       | —             |       |
| Required Course 1 (C– or higher):<br>GEOG201 & 211 <b>or</b> GEOG202   | 4 <b>or</b> 3 |       |
| Additional GEOG Course (C– or higher):<br>{Excluding GEOG100, choose from options listed below, i.e., <i>Quantitative, Human, Physical, etc.</i> } | 3             |       |
| GEOG Required Courses (Grade of C– or higher)  |               |       |
| Required Course 2:<br>{Choose course not taken for Benchmark Requirement}<br>GEOG201 & 211 <b>or</b> GEOG202                                       | 4 <b>or</b> 3 |       |
| GEOG212  | 1             |       |
| GEOG Human Gateway Requirement (Grade of C– or higher)   |               |       |
| GEOG _____   | 3             |       |
| GEOG Physical Gateway Requirement (Grade of C– or higher)  |               |       |
| GEOG _____   | 3             |       |
| GEOG Technique Gateway Requirement (Grade of C– or higher)   |               |       |
| GEOG372 <b>or</b> 373  | 3             |       |
| GEOG Quantitative Requirement (Grade of C– or higher)  |               |       |
| GEOG306  | 3             |       |
| GEOG Elective Courses (Grade of C– or higher)<br><i>Refer to GEOG department for suggested courses</i>   |               |       |
| GEOG Elective Course 1   | 3             |       |
| GEOG Elective Course 2   | 3             |       |
| GEOG Elective Course 3   | 3             |       |
| GEOG Elective Course 4 (400 level)   | 3             |       |
| GEOG Elective Course 5 (400 level)   | 3             |       |
| GEOG Major Supporting Sequence (15 credits)<br>(Grade of C– or higher)<br><i>Refer to GEOG department for specific requirement information</i>     |               |       |
| MATH120/140/136  | 3/4           |       |
| Supporting Course 2  | 3             |       |
| Supporting Course 3  | 3             |       |
| Supporting Course 4  | 3             |       |
| Supporting Course 5  | 3             |       |

## GEOGRAPHICAL SCIENCES—FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

| Year 1   | Fall   |           | Spring   |           |
|--|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| <b>Complete your graduation plan!</b><br><br>Benchmark 1 Requirements must be completed in 2 semesters<br><br>Academic Writing<br>Gen Ed course 1<br>Gen Ed course 2<br>MATH 120,140, or 136<br>GEOG 201 & 211 or GEOG 202<br>Additional GEOG Course | Course   | Credit    | Course   | Credit    |
|  | ENGL 101 (AW: Academic Writing)  | 3         | OC (Oral Communication)  | 3         |
|  | MATH 120/140 (MA: Fundamental Studies Math and AR: Analytical Reasoning) (Supporting Sequence 1) | 3         | HU (Humanities)*   | 3         |
|  | HU (Humanities)*   | 3         | GEOG 202 (HS: History/Social Sciences and CC: Cultural Competence) | 3         |
|  | GEOG 201 & 211 (NL: Natural Sciences Lab)  | 4         | Elective   | 3         |
|  | UNIV 100 or UNIV361  | 1         | Elective   | 3         |
|  |  |           | Elective   | 1         |
|  |  |           |  |           |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>14</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>16</b> |
| Year 2   | Fall   |           | Spring   |           |
| <b>Check in with your advisor regarding your benchmark or gateway progress!</b>  | Course   | Credit    | Course   | Credit    |
|  | NS (Natural Sciences)*   | 3         | GEOG 306   | 3         |
|  | HS (History/Social Sciences)*  | 3         | GEOG Elective Course 1   | 3         |
|  | GEOG Physical Gateway Course   | 3         | Supporting Sequence 2  | 3         |
|  | GEOG Human Gateway Course  | 3         | Elective   | 3         |
|  | GEOG 212   | 1         | Elective   | 3         |
|  | Elective   | 3         |  |           |
|  |  |           |  |           |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>16</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| Year 3   | Fall   |           | Spring   |           |
| <b>When you're between 75—89 credits, watch out for an email from your Advisors regarding your remaining degree requirements!</b>  | Course   | Credit    | Course   | Credit    |
|  | ENGL 39X (PW: Professional Writing)  | 3         | SP (Scholarship in Practice –non-major)*                           | 3         |
|  | GEOG Technique Gateway Course  | 3         | UP (Understanding Plural Societies)*                               | 3         |
|  | Supporting Sequence 3  | 3         | GEOG Elective Course 2   | 3         |
|  | Elective   | 3         | Elective   | 3         |
|  | Elective   | 3         | Elective   | 3         |
|  |  |           |  |           |
|  |  |           |  |           |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>15</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>15</b> |
| Year 4   | Fall   |           | Spring   |           |
| <b>Apply for graduation!</b>   | Course   | Credit    | Course   | Credit    |
|  | GEOG Elective Course 3   | 3         | GEOG Elective Course 5 (400 level)                                 | 3         |
|  | GEOG Elective Course 4 (400 level)   | 3         | Supporting Sequence 5  | 3         |
|  | Supporting Sequence 4  | 3         | Elective   | 3         |
|  | Elective   | 3         | Elective   | 3         |
|  | Elective   | 3         | Elective   | 2         |
|  |  |           |  |           |
|  |  |           |  |           |
|  | <b>Total</b>   | <b>15</b> | <b>Total</b>   | <b>14</b> |

**\*Important Planning Notes:**

- All students must take two Distributive Studies courses that will also count for the SCIS: Big Question requirement. (Big Question courses are not listed separately in this plan)
- Understanding Plural Societies courses may also fulfill a Distributive Studies category. GEOG 202 will count for the Cultural Competence requirement.

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| <b>Cumulative Credits + Planned Credits = Total Credits</b> | <b>120</b> |
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