

Academic Map: Geography

Department: Geography **Degree:** BA
Program/Major: Geography
Track/Emphasis: _____
Does this program require a minor? (Yes/No) Yes

Important program information in the online *Undergraduate Bulletin*:

UCA Core Requirements: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/uca-core/>
LD UCA Core Check Sheet: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/>
UD UCA Core Course List: <https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ud-uca-core/>
Degree Requirements: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/general-policies-information/degree-requirements/>
Program Description: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/colleges-departments/cn/geography/>
Course Descriptions: <https://uca.edu/ubulletin/courses/>

This degree program requires a total of 120 semester credit hours, including at least 40 upper-division credit hours.

Comparable courses in the Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) are cross-referenced in the ACTS column of each semester block below; a [core link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/ld-uca-core/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* UCA Lower-Division Core check sheet, where UCA Core options and ACTS course numbers are listed in full; an [acts link](https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) takes the user to the *Undergraduate Bulletin's* ACTS page (https://uca.edu/academicbulletins/acts/) for additional information and a UCA-ACTS crosswalk.

Scholarship recipients: Please be aware of eligibility criteria for your scholarship(s). In particular, pay attention to (1) the enrollment requirements each semester for disbursement of your scholarship(s) and (2) the number of hours and GPA required each semester and/or year for renewal of your scholarship(s). Some Academic Maps may suggest enrollment in fewer hours than required for disbursement of your scholarship(s). In such cases, work with your academic advisor to adjust your schedule to meet requirements most efficiently. Contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (501) 450-3140 with any questions regarding enrollment/renewal requirements of your scholarship(s). For online information resources, see endnote ¹.

Year 1

Fall – Semester 1 (credit hours: 16)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|--------------|--|-----|---|
| WRTG | 1310 | Introduction to College Writing | 3 | ENGL1013 |
| GEOG | 1400 | Earth Systems Science (LD UCA Core: Physical Science) | 4 | PHSC1104 |
| GEOG | 1320 | Human Geography (LD UCA Core: Diversity/World Cultures [SS]) | 3 | GEOG1113 |
| MATH | 1360 1390 | Quantitative Literacy College Algebra Or higher math course (LD UCA Core: Quantitative) ² | 3 | MATH1113 MATH1103 core link |
| | | BA Foreign Language Requirement ³ | 3 | acts link |

Spring – Semester 2 (credit hours: 16)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|--------------|--------------|--|-----|---|
| WRTG ENGL | 1320 1320 | Academic Writing and Research or Interdisciplinary Writing and Research or Other approved alternative (LD UCA Core: Research/Writing) ² | 3 | ENGL1023 ENGL1023 core link |
| GEOG | 2331 | Research Methods in Geography | 3 | |

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|------|--|-----|--|
| | | LD UCA Core ² | 3 | core link |
| | | LD UCA Core ² | 3 | core link |
| BIOL | 1400 | Exploring Concepts in Biology Approved alternative (LD UCA Core, Life Science) ² | 4 | BIOL1004 core link |

Year 2

Fall – Semester 3 (credit hours: 16)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|------|--|-----|---------------------------|
| GEOG | 2330 | Quantitative Methods in Geography ⁴ | 3 | |
| GEOG | 2475 | Cartography | 4 | |
| GEOG | 4390 | Historical Geography of North America (UD UCA Core: D) or Approved alternative ⁵ | 3 | |
| | | LD UCA Core ² | 3 | core link |
| | | LD UCA Core ² | 3 | core link |

Spring – Semester 4 (credit hours: 15)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|------|--|-----|---------------------------|
| GEOG | 3403 | Geographic Information Systems (UD UCA Core: I) | 4 | |
| | | LD UCA Core ² | 3 | core link |
| | | LD UCA Core ² | 3 | core link |
| | | LD UCA Core ² | 3 | core link |
| | | UD UCA Core: Communication ² (not in major) | 3 | |

Year 3

Fall – Semester 5 (credit hours: 15)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|---|-----|------|
| GEOG | | Geography Elective, upper-division ⁶ | 3 | |
| GEOG | | Geography Elective, upper-division ⁶ | 3 | |
| | | General Elective | 3 | |
| | | Minor Elective ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | Minor Elective ⁷ | 3 | |

Spring – Semester 6 (credit hours: 15)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|---|-----|------|
| GEOG | | Geography Elective, upper-division ⁶ | 3 | |
| GEOG | | Geography Elective, upper-division ⁶ | 3 | |
| | | Minor Elective ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | Minor Elective ⁷ | 3 | |
| GEOG | | UD UCA Core (Responsible Living) ⁸ | 3 | |

Year 4**Fall – Semester 7 (Credit hours: 15)**

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|------|-----------------------------------|-----|------|
| GEOG | 4391 | Research Seminar (UD UCA Core: Z) | 3 | |
| | | Minor Elective ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | General Elective | 3 | |
| | | General Elective | 3 | |
| | | General Elective | 3 | |

Spring – Semester 8 (Credit hours: 12)

| SUBJ | NUM | TITLE | SCH | ACTS |
|------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|------|
| | | Minor Elective ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | Minor Elective ⁷ | 3 | |
| | | General Elective | 3 | |
| | | General Elective | 2-3 | |

SIGNED – DEPARTMENT CHAIR

DATE

SIGNED – COLLEGE DEAN

DATE

To be completed by the advisor when an Eight-Semester plan is accepted by the student:

If applicable, has student selected a minor? Type “x” as appropriate. ____ No ____ Yes

If “yes,” specify: _____

Notes

¹ See online information resources for UCA scholarships at <https://uca.edu/scholarships/> and for state scholarships at <https://scholarships.adhe.edu/scholarships-and-programs/a-z/>.

² See appropriate choices, alternatives, or substitutions under UCA Core Requirements and LD UCA Core Check Sheet in the *Undergraduate Bulletin*. During the first year, a student must complete a UCA Core course designated as a First-Year Seminar (FYS) in Critical Inquiry, Diversity, or Responsible Living. A lab science (BIOL 1400 or a Physical Science) and MATH 1360/MATH 1390 should be taken in the first year if possible. PSCI 1330 is recommended for LD UCA Core: Inquiry and Analysis: American History and Government.

The student will also need to complete major, minor, or general elective courses designated as fulfilling the upper-division and capstone requirements of the UCA Core. See annotations in this Academic Map for courses within the major that will fulfill some of these requirements. For other available courses, consult the *Undergraduate Bulletin* and your academic advisor.

³ Students with strong language skills may test out of the first and/or second semester of a foreign language and take the sophomore-level course immediately. See the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures for test information. Students with no previous experience in a foreign language may need to take up to six hours of 1000-level instruction to prepare for the required course. The 1000-level courses are not included in this plan of study. It is recommended that students complete the foreign language requirement as early as possible in their program in order not to lose fluency gained in high school.

⁴ Preference is for GEOG 2330; credit for only one introductory statistics course allowed. Approved introductory statistics courses include GEOG 2330, MATH 2311, PSCI 2312, PSYC 2330, QMTH 2330, and SOC 2321.

Notes – *continued*

⁵ A regional course is required. The student may choose one of the following: GEOG 3315 Latin America (Spring, even years), GEOG 3345 Geography of China and East Asia (Spring, odd years), GEOG 3380 Geography of Arkansas (Fall, even years), or GEOG 4390 Historical Geography of North America (Fall, odd years).

⁶ These courses will fulfill the requirement of 12 hours of upper-division Geography courses.

⁷ This Academic Map includes 21 credit hours in the Minor field of study. Minor requirements range from 15 to 27 credit hours. Depending on the minor selected, the student will need to adjust the number of general elective and minor elective credit hours in this plan.

⁸ Choose 1 from GEOG 3301, GEOG 3333, GEOG 4304, GEOG 3325, or GEOG 4313.