**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Geography is a science that focuses on the spatial analysis of human/physical patterns and processes. Geographers attempt to identify the factors affecting the distribution of people and their activities on the surface of the earth and to provide meaningful solutions to problems faced by societies. This discipline is an ideal major for the liberal arts student, providing exposure to the concepts and techniques utilized in investigating environmental issues, socioeconomic problems, and planning policies.

The Geography program offers a distinctive curriculum that focuses on the study of human-environmental interaction and is premised upon a model of scientific education that integrates the natural/physical and social sciences. The program takes a place-based approach to this topic, seeking to understand in a holistic manner how cultural, political, economic, natural, and physical processes combine and interact to shape and re-shape landscapes, cities, regions, and nations through time.

**ACADEMIC ADVISING**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major/faculty advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

**CLAS Academic Advising**  
clasadvising@ucdenver.edu
Find your CLAS Advisor here
North Classroom (NC) Building 1030  
303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Fred Chambers  
frederick.chambers@ucdenver.edu
Visit the department website here
North Classroom (NC) Building 3421  
303-315-7553

**GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES**

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 45 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) semester hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS hours at CU Denver

The following are maximum semester hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:

- 56 semester hours in major department/prefix courses
- 16 semester hours Pass/Fail
- 12 semester hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 semester hours of internship credit
- 8 semester hours of physical education credit

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Students are responsible for meeting with the major/faculty advisor in the department to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Geography Environment, Society, and Sustainability B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 39 GEOG, GEOL or ENVS credit hours.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 24 upper division (3000-level and above) GEOG credit hours.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all major courses taken at CU Denver and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. All graded attempts in required and elective courses are calculated in the major GPA. Students cannot complete major or ancillary course requirements as pass/fail.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 15 GEOG, GEOL or ENVS credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Only 3 credits of Travel Study may be counted toward graduation requirements.
6. Undergraduate students may count up to 6 credit hours of independent study or internship (any combination of GEOG 3840, 4840, 4880, or 3939) towards elective credit in the major as approved by the undergraduate coordinator. Students may not receive more than 3 credit hours per independent study section. No more than 3 credit hours of independent study may be taken with the same instructor or in the same term.

**LYNX CONNECT RESOURCES**

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver Lynx Connect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the Lynx Connect website for more information.
Degree Requirements | Credits | Notes
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CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements | 34 - 40 | 
CLAS Graduation Requirements | 15 - 29 | 
GEOG Major Requirements | 39 | 
GEOG Required Courses | 
- GEOG 1202 Introduction to Physical Geography or ENVS 1044 & 1045 Introduction to Environmental Sciences with Lab | 3 - 4 | *Prerequisite/Corequisite: ENVS 1044 (for 1045) and ENVS 1045 (for 1044). Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Sciences (depending on whether lab or non-lab is completed).
- GEOG 1102 World Regions Global Context or GEOG 1302 Introduction to Human Geography | 3 | GEOG 1102 can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
- GEOG 2080 Introduction to Mapping and Map Analysis | 3 | 
- GEOG 3232 Weather and Climate | 3 | *Prerequisite: GEOG 1202 or ENVS 1042 or ENVS 1044 and 1045
- GEOG 3412 Globalization and Regional Development | 3 | 
- ENVS 1342 Environment, Society, and Sustainability | 3 | Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
- GEOG 4335 Contemporary Environmental Issues | 3 | 
- Complete three Environmental Studies Courses | 9 | See department for courses.
- Complete one Techniques for Environmental Analysis Course | 3 | See department for courses.
Estimated General Electives | 11 - 32 | General Elective credits will vary based on Core & CLAS Requirements. Consult with CLAS Advisor.
Total Minimum Program Hours: | 120 | 45 semester hours must be upper-division

**SUGGESTED ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY**

The following academic plan is a suggested pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Academic advisors recommend students tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit) and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

| Year One | Fall | ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I | 3 | 
| | | CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 recommended | 3 | 
| | | GEOG 1202 or ENVS 1044 & 1045 | 3-4 | 
| | | CU Denver Core Humanities / First-Year Seminar | 3 | 
| | General Elective | 3 | 
| | Total Credit Hours | 15-16 | 
| Year Two | Fall | GEOG 1102 or GEOG 1302 | 3 | 
| | | CLAS Communicative Skills | 3 | 
| | | CU Denver Core Behavioral Science | 3 | 
| | | CLAS Humanities | 3 | 
| | | CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab | 4 | 
| | Total Credit Hours | 16 | 
| Year Three | Fall | GEOG 3232 PE | 3 | 
| | | GEOG Environmental Studies Course | 3 | 
| | | CU Denver Core International Perspectives | 3 | 
| | | CLAS Second Language Semester I | 5 | 
| | Total Credit Hours | 14 | 
| Year Four | Fall | GEOG 4265 PE, 4301 PE, 4420, or 4440 | 3 | 
| | | GEOG Environmental Studies Course | 3 | 
| | | General Upper-Division Elective | 3 | 
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| | | General Elective | 3 | 
| | Total Credit Hours | 15 | 

* Major Course Available  PE CU Denver Core Course  ** Prerequisite Enforced  *** Prerequisite Recommended