For Transfer Students

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
Visit the CLAS Advising website 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

For questions about admission requirements, transfer policies, applying, and the transfer process contact:

Office of Admissions
admissions@ucdenver.edu
Visit the Admissions website here
Student Commons 1007
303-315-2601

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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The following program requirements are based on degree requirements for the current Catalog year at CU Denver and are subject to change. Students are responsible for completing degree requirements based on the Catalog year for which they are admitted.

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 Environmental Science B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 41-42 credit hours, including a minimum of 30-31 GEOG, GEOL or ENVS credit hours and 11 credit hours of ancillary (supporting science) coursework.
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.
FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

COURSES WORK THAT CAN BE COMPLETED AT PREVIOUS INSTITUTION

The following is a “bucket” of requirements students can complete prior to transferring to CU Denver, including equivalent Colorado Community College System (CCCS) courses. To determine the equivalencies of courses to be completed at non-CU Denver institutions, students can visit www.transferology.com. It is critical students connect with a CU Denver academic advisor to ensure planned courses will transfer and apply to CU Denver degree requirements. All non-CU Denver coursework must be completed with a C- or better to be eligible for transfer.

Students interested in completing an Associate (A.A. or A.S.) Degree or a Colorado Statewide Transfer Articulation Agreement or Degree with Designation (DWD) must work with their community/junior college academic advisor to create an academic plan that accounts for all degree or transfer articulation agreement requirements. Colorado Community College Students may also explore the option to complete Reverse Transfer at CU Denver.

CU Denver Requirements | CU Denver Credits | CCCS Equivalent Courses & Notes | CCCS Credits
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CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements | 34 - 40 | | |
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I | 3 | ENG 121 | |
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II | 3 | ENG 122 | |
Mathematics | 3 - 4 | MAT 121 recommended or GT-MA1 | |
Arts | 3 | GT-AH | |
Humanities | 3 | GT-AH or GT-HI | |
Behavioral Sciences | 3 - 4 | GEO 105 or 106 or GT-SS | |
Social Sciences | 3 - 4 | GT-SS or GT-HI* | |
Natural/Physical Science with lab | 4 - 5 | GEO 111 or ENV 101 or GT-SC1 | |
Natural/Physical Science without lab or Math | 3 - 5 | GEO 112 or GT-SC2 or GT-MA1 (except the course used for Core Math) or GT-SC1 | |
International Perspectives | 3 | Additional GT-AH, HI, SS* (see note below) | |
Cultural Diversity | 3 | To be completed at CU Denver. This requirement must be completed with an upper-division course and CCCS courses will not apply. | |
CLAS Graduation Requirements | 15 - 29 | | |
CLAS Communicative Skills | 3 | COM 115 or PHI 113 | |
CLAS Foreign Language | 0 - 10 | e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122 | |
CLAS Humanities | 3 | Any transferrable LIT, HIS, HUM, or PHI course | |
CLAS Behavioral Sciences | 3 - 4 | Any transferrable ANT, COM, or PSY course (except GT-SC courses) | |
CLAS Social Sciences | 3 - 4 | Any transferrable ECO, ETH, GEO, POS, or SOC course (except GT-SC courses) | |
CLAS Biological/Physical Science with lab | 3 - 5 | BIO 111 or 112 or CHE 111 or 112 or GT-SC1 | |
GEOG Major Courses | 14 - 16 | | |
GEOG 1102 World Regions Global Context or GEOG 1302 Introduction to Human Geography | 3 | GEO 105 or 106 | |
Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Behavioral Sciences | |
GEOG 1202 Introduction to Physical Geography or ENVS 1044 & 1045 Introduction to Environmental Sciences with Lab | 3 - 4 | GEO 111 or ENV 101 | |
Course can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab | |
BIOL 2051 & 2071 General Biology I with lab and BIOL 2061 & 2081 General Biology II with lab or CHEM 2031 & 2038 General Chemistry I with lab and CHEM 2061 & 2068 General Chemistry II with lab | 8 - 9 | BIO 111 and 112 or CHE 111 and 112 | |
Courses can fulfill CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Science with lab | |
Students considering the MS in ENVS should complete both sequences. | |
Minimum Applicable Transfer Credits Recommended: | 60 | Students completing less than 60 applicable transfer credits will have additional credits to complete at CU Denver. Students needing general elective credits should consult a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor. | |

*The applicability of Guaranteed Transfer (GT Pathways) courses to specific CU Denver Core Curriculum requirements requires completion of a block of five courses: two GT-AH courses; one GT-HI course; one GT-SS course; and one additional GT-AH, GT-HI, or GT-SS course.
Based on successful completion of 60 applicable transfer credits and the complete “bucket” of requirements outlined above, students would have the following remaining to complete at CU Denver. At CU Denver, students must tailor this plan based on the evaluation of previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit), course availability, individual preferences related to course load, summer term courses, part-time or full-time student status, or add-on programs such as minors or double-majors.

Note: this plan assumes students have completed the CLAS Foreign Language proficiency requirement. Students must demonstrate foreign language proficiency through a 2nd semester college-level course equivalent (e.g., SPA 112 or ASL 122), proficiency testing through CU Denver’s Department of Modern Languages, or submitting their high school transcript demonstrating completion of a 2nd year (Level II) high school course with a minimum grade of “C-” (1.7) in the 2nd semester of the 2nd year. Students who have not fulfilled this requirement must work with a CU Denver CLAS Academic Advisor to modify this plan.

Students must not exceed 56 hours in their major prefix.

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*M Major Course Available  *C CU Denver Core Course  *PR Prerequisite Enforced  *PRD Prerequisite Recommended