

Geography

Please refer to the current [Undergraduate Academic Catalog](#) to see the course descriptions and a major description with requirements for Geography.

New students considering majoring in geography should take **GEOG 101** or **GEOG 102** during their first semester. During their freshman year they should take **GEOG 110 & 111** to meet major requirements as well as the General Education Requirement for Natural Science. Students may also consider taking **GEOG 221** or **GEOG 222** as one of their Human Environment and Society General Education courses.

Geography major and non-major students should also consider taking **GEOG 250** or **GISC 200** within their first or second year. GEOG 250 and GISC 200 both serve as gateway courses into the GIS certificate program which is excellent for Geography majors and would also compliment majors in Environmental Science, Biology, Business Administration, and most social sciences. GEOG 250 will also fulfill the 200 level methods requirement for Geography majors.

Below please find some examples of first semester schedules for a Geography major. There are many variations of a first semester schedule; the examples are just meant to help you see that there are many ways to reach the same goals.

For information about the General Education Requirements Met below visit the [General Education Requirements](#) website.

Example 1:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. GEOG 102 - Intro to Human Geography (3)	Major, GI or HES
2. GEOG 110 - Weather and Climate with Lab (4)	Major, NS
3. GEOG 231 - Intro to Planning (3)	Major Elective
4. FSEM 100LL - Maps and Politics (3)	FSEM

Example 2:

Course (credits)	Requirement(s) Met
1. GEOG 101 - World Regional Geography (3)	Major, GI
2. GEOG 110 - Weather and Climate with Lab (4)	Major, NS
3. ARAB 101** - Beginning Arabic (3)	FL
4. FSEM 100C3 - Imagining Africa (3)	FSEM
5. MUPR 341G - Show Choir (1)	Elective

*These paths assume fall matriculation. Students entering in the spring semester will make appropriate adjustment for sequencing issues.

***This particular course is in a discipline that allows students with demonstrated competence upon admission to UMW (such as AP/IB credit, dual enrollment, etc.) to begin courses at a higher level. Please read the Academic Planning Guide carefully to see if you meet the requirements. For example: students may begin at any level language course for which they feel prepared (101, 102, 105, 201, 202 or 205), but must then complete the rest of the sequence in order without repeating or skipping any levels.*