GE - GEOGRAPHY (GE)

GE 1XX. Geography Elective. (1-3 Credits)

GE 102. Global Environments and Societies. (3 Credits)
The geographic method of inquiry is used to examine, describe, explain, and analyze the human and physical environments of the major regions of the world. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

GE 111. Physical Geography: Weather and Climate. (4 Credits)
Study of the physical features of the earth's environment pertaining to weather, climate, biomes, and major water bodies with an emphasis on the interrelated processes that shape these features and the resulting distributions and global patterns that occur. Three class periods; one 2-hour laboratory period per week. Field trips may be a part of laboratory activities. Special fee: $30.00. (Fall, Spring, Summer)
Course Fees: $30

GE 111H. Honors Physical Geography: Weather and Climate. (4 Credits)
In-depth study and analysis of the physical features of the earth's environment pertaining to weather, climate, biomes, and major water bodies with an emphasis on the interrelated processes that shape these features and the resulting distributions and global patterns that occur. Three class periods; one 2-hour laboratory period per week. Field trips may be a part of laboratory activities. Special fee: $30.00. (Fall, Spring, Summer)
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GE 112. Physical Geography-Landforms. (4 Credits)
Study of the physical features of the earth's environment pertaining to landforms, physiographic regions, and soils with an emphasis on the interrelated processes that shape these features and the resulting distributions and global patterns that occur. Three class periods; one 2-hour laboratory period per week. Field trips may be a part of laboratory activities. Special fee: $30.00. (Fall, Spring, Summer)
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GE 184. Digital Earth. (3 Credits)
This class is designed to introduce students to innovative geospatial technologies and applications. Hands-on experience will be used to explore how computer-based tools and techniques are used to capture, store, process, visualize, and display the Earth. Using specialized computer software and web-based platforms, students will examine how insights provided by digital analysis of spatial data are used to solve local, regional, national, and global problems and make sound decisions. Previous technical experience is not necessary, only basic Windows operating system familiarity is required. Course fee: $30.00. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

GE 199. Service Learning. (3 Credits)
This course is designed to introduce students to Service Learning through the integration of academic learning about local, national, and global issues with service work addressing those concerns. Approval of supervising department required. (Offered upon sufficient demand.)

GE 203H. Topics in Latino HI Cult & GE. (3 Credits)
This course encompasses and synthesizes cultural, geographical, and historical elements and fosters critical thinking through an interdisciplinary perspective. Also listed as FL 203-H and HI 203-H but creditable only in field for which registered. Maximum of three semester hours credit. This course, open to students in the Honors Program, is, with departmental approval, also open to other qualified students. (Fall, even-numbered years)

GE 224. Field Methods and Technology in Geography. (3 Credits)
This course will prepare students for upper division classes by providing instruction in research methodology; field work design; data collection; data input through scanning and digital cameras; and data presentation and presentation methods. Special fee: $30.00. (Spring)
Course Fees: $30

GE 225. Maps and Map Interpretation. (3 Credits)
A study of the history of maps and mapping; types and uses; chief sources; reading and interpretation; care and handling. Course fee: $30.00. (Fall, Spring)
Course Fees: $30

GE 260. People, Place, and Culture. (3 Credits)
A conceptual approach to the study of humans, their distribution, economic systems, behavior patterns, value systems, and environmental perceptions, with emphasis given to the resulting patterns of cultural landscapes that characterize the earth. (Fall, Spring, Summer).

GE 300W. History and Philosophy of Geography. (3 Credits)
An historical approach to the origin and development of geographical thought and methods defined by the laws, principles, and concepts that furnish rational explanations of the spatial character of the discipline. Prerequisite: nine hours of coursework in geography. (Fall, Summer)

GE 301. Geography of Europe. (3 Credits)
Major European countries as types of the entire region. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 302. Geography of Russia and Associated States. (3 Credits)
The character of and bases for the regional diversity of physical resources, population, economic, cultural, and political resources in Russia, the Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, and Armenia. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 303. Geography of the South. (3 Credits)
The interrelationship between the southern environment and its people. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 304. Geography of the United States and Canada. (3 Credits)
The geographic factors of North America; the regional characteristics and regional interdependence. The goals of this course are to increase and better integrate knowledge of geographic patterns in the U.S. and Canada, and understand the regional variations and spatial differentiation in the U.S. and Canada. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 305. Geography of Latin America. (3 Credits)
The geographic factors of Latin America; emphasis on certain regions and areas as a basis of comparison with other regions in Latin America and with North America. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 312. Geography of the Middle East. (3 Credits)
An analysis of the distribution of resources and peoples of the Middle East, their relationships to each other and to the rest of the world. (Offered on sufficient demand)
GE 313. Geography of Asia. (3 Credits)
An analysis of the distribution of resources and peoples of Asia relationships to each other and to the rest of the world. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 321. Economic Geography. (3 Credits)
A study of the basic concept of natural resources, their relationship to world economies with the emphasis on primary production. (Fall)

GE 322. Business Geography. (3 Credits)
An empirical and theoretical spatial analysis of the various economic, population and social facets of local, regional and global economies. In addition, this course covers concepts such as business site selection, market analysis, and product distribution through the analysis of imports and exports. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 323. Image Interpretation and Analysis. (3 Credits)
Students will develop the skills and experience to recognize patterns in overhead imagery (from all sources) and use the information from the patterns to analyze conditions in the image area. Focus will be on the principles of visual interpretation and analysis for overhead imagery. Basic photogrammetry skills and equipment will also be taught. Prerequisite: GE 184. Course fee: $30.00 (Fall and upon sufficient demand).

GE 325. Cartography. (3 Credits)
An introduction to the elements of cartography, with emphasis on map construction, properties of map projections, and practice in the techniques of map-making including computer generated maps. Prerequisite: GE 184 or departmental approval. Course fee: $30.00. (Spring, Summer)

GE 330. Meteorology. (3 Credits)
Components of weather systems, atmospheric temperature, pressure, and humidity; interpretation of weather maps; elements of forecasting. Also listed as ES 330 but creditable only in the field for which registered. Field trips and/or term projects may be required. Prerequisite: ES 121 and ES 121L, or GE 111 or departmental approval. (Fall)

GE 331. Climatology. (3 Credits)
The physics of the air; the climatic classification of the earth's surface; and the relationship of climatological factors to man. Prerequisite: ES 121 and ES 121L, or GE 111 or departmental approval. (Fall)

GE 350. Geography of Africa. (3 Credits)
A study of the physical and cultural resources of Africa, with emphasis on the problems of developing nations. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 359. Special Course. (1-6 Credits)
Course number reserved for special courses offered from time to time in response to special circumstances. The courses are discipline specific with variable credit and when offered, they are identified by department content and credit. (Offered on sufficient demand)

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GE 384. Geographic Information Systems. (4 Credits)
The study and application of concepts and technologies in geographic information systems and geographic information science including data conceptualization, database design and management, analysis operations, spatial problem solving, and professional system management. Analysis will be conducted in a commercial state-of-the-art Geographic Information Systems software suite. Three class periods; one 2-hour laboratory period per week. Prerequisite: GE 184. Course fee: $30.00 (Fall, Summer).

GE 389. On-Campus Internship. (3 Credits)

GE 390. Urban Geography. (3 Credits)
This course is concerned with cities and neighborhoods with a particular focus on form and function. The course explores aspects that make American cities and neighborhoods distinctive and how these distinctive identities evolve. After exploring the evolution of cities in the US, students learn about the internal spatial structure of and the functional linkages within and between American cities. At the end of the course, students can identify and explain political, economic, social, cultural and technological forces that cause American cities to prosper, stagnate or decline. (Spring)

GE 399. Departmental Service Learning. (1-6 Credits)
This course is designed to provide students the opportunity to integrate academic learning about vital service issues within a specific discipline with service work addressing those issues. This course may be repeated for a maximum of six credits. Approval of supervising department required. (Offered upon sufficient demand.)

GE 402. Geopolitics. (3 Credits)
Geopolitics examines the intersection of geography, international relations, and politics and explores the geographic factors that explain foreign relations, state behavior, and transnational and global issues such as military conflict, terrorism, international prime, food, and water security, energy security, and environmental degradation. Students are trained in negotiation and policy-making skills, and participate in a multi-day simulation exercise. (Fall, even-numbered years)

GE 403. Nature and Society Interactions. (3 Credits)
This course involves a global analysis of human-environment issues including human’s impact on the environment and the environment’s impact on humans. Topics addressed may include, but are not limited to global warming, overpopulation, environmental degradation, environmental hazards and disasters, and effective natural resource use. One field trip required. (Spring)

GE 404. Environmental Hazards. (3 Credits)
Natural and technological events continue to impact people and places across the globe. This course draws upon hazard and disaster experiences to address the nature, impact and social responses to environmental hazards. Course focus is on the relationship between nature, society, and technology and analyzes how people and places experience, cope with, and recover from environmental hazards. (Fall)

GE 410. Integration of Geography and History. (3 Credits)
The integration of the spatial concepts of geography with the chronological concepts of history. Also listed as HI 410 but creditable only in field for which registered. (Offered on sufficient demand)
GE 415. Quantitative Methods in Geography. (3 Credits)
Course provides an introduction to quantitative methods used by
geographers to analyze and interpret geographic data and solve
graphic problems. Topics include descriptive statistics, hypothesis
formulation and testing, sampling strategies, correlation, regression,
and spatial pattern analysis. Examples will be drawn from temporal and
spatial relationships in physical and human geography. (Fall)

GE 420. Principles of Urban and Regional Planning. (3 Credits)
This course introduces planning both as a profession and also as an
important element of city, county, and regional government. Focusing on
American planning experience, GE 420 covers the fundamentals of spatial
decision-making at various levels of government. Substantive areas
covered in the course include: the legal basis of planning, organizational
structure of planning agencies in the US, comprehensive planning, social
issues in planning, tools of land use regulation, growth management
strategies, smart growth, transportation planning, environmental
planning and urban design. (Fall)

GE 430. Biogeography. (3 Credits)
Science of documenting and understanding spatial patterns of biological
diversity. This course will introduce student to concepts used in
understanding historical, ecological, and geological processes that
contribute to past and present biological distributions including the
historical development of biogeographic concepts, plate tectonics,
evolution, phytogeography, the fossil record, niche theory, and patterns
of disjunction. Applications of biogeography to contemporary issues
will also be discussed including global climate change, conservation,
invasive species, and human population growth. A field trip is required.
Prerequisites: GE 112 or BI 112. Course fee: $30.00 (Offered upon
sufficient demand)
Course Fees: $30

GE 435. Regional Geomorphology. (3 Credits)
Field-based exploration of the landforms and features. Focus is on the
examination and understanding of various landforms and the processes
that shape these features. Course requires travel. By permission of
instructor. Course fee: $30.00 Other travel expenses required. (Offered on
sufficient demand).
Course Fees: $30

GE 450. Fundamentals of Sustainability. (3 Credits)
This course provides the foundational principles undergirding the concept
of sustainability from a geographical perspective. Course activities
involve tracing the history and development of sustainability and the
role of the environment, economy and social issues in sustainability.
Participants are exposed to a variety of applications of sustainability
at the local, national and international levels, preparing them to be
advocates for wise use of resources. (Fall)

GE 454. Remote Sensing. (4 Credits)
Principles and applications of remote sensing of the geographic
environment. Instruction in interpretation of aerial photography,
multispectral satellite imagery and hyperspectral imagery with emphasis
on use of computers in numerical analysis and image processing. Three
class periods; one 2-hour laboratory period per week. Prerequisites:
GE 184 and GE 323. Course fee: $30.00. (Spring)
Course Fees: $30

GE 460. Advanced Cultural Geography. (3 Credits)
A conceptual approach to the study of human-environment systems
within the frame-works of cultural geography including cultural
landscape, ecological perspectives, environmental perception and
behavior, and environmental stress. Prerequisite: GE 102 or departmental
approval. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 464. GIS Programming. (3 Credits)
Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are powerful computational
tools for solving spatial problems. GIS programming serves the purpose
of customizing GIS applications and streamlining spatial analysis by
assembling functions provided by the underlying GIS platforms. This
course introduces students to Model Builder and Geoprocessing script
programming with Python in ArcGIS. Topics include GIS programming
environment, programming syntax and styles, interface customization
and a variety of GIS routines and functions that can be assembled
through programming. Prerequisite: GE 384. (Fall)

GE 468. Geography of Beer, Wine, and Spirits. (3 Credits)
Course examines geographic factors that account for the historical
development and regional variation of beer, wine, and spirits. Students
are introduced to the practices of viticulture, hop and grain cultivation,
elymology, brewing, and distilling. The major cultural, economic, political,
and environmental aspects of beer, wine, and spirits in major world
regions are analyzed. No class activities will involve alcohol consumption
and/or tasting. (Spring, odd-numbered years)

GE 472. Historical Geography of the United States. (3 Credits)
The role of geographic conditions in the settlement and subsequent
development of the United States. Also listed as HI 472 but creditable
only in field for which registered. (Offered on sufficient demand)

GE 484. Applied Geospatial Analysis. (3 Credits)
This course encompasses advanced reading and discussion of state-
of-the-art projects and techniques in Geographic Information Systems,
remote sensing, computer cartography, and image processing. Students
will conduct a detailed database development project including database
design, database population, data management, and the application of
spatial modeling techniques. Three class periods per week. A field trip is
required. Prerequisites: GE 384. Course fee: $30.00 (Spring)
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GE 487. Geography Capstone Project. (3 Credits)
The objective of the course is to allow the student to design a research
project by formulating a geography research question, acquiring and
analyzing geographic data and answering the geographic question.
Offered primarily to seniors under the direction of a geography professor.
The activities of the student, the timeline for completion, and evaluation
for the research agenda will be determined by consultation with the
professor of record for the course. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

GE 494. Geography Internship. (1-3 Credits)
Open to majors or minors in geography. Provides for special field
experience by working in cooperation with a public or private agency for
a minimum average of ten hours per week. In addition, weekly seminars
will be held to evaluate the student's progress. The student will be
required to maintain a daily journal regarding their work assignments,
accomplishments and daily experiences. A written report must be
provided to the departmental faculty at the end of the semester. Departmental approval required. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

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GE 497. Special Topics. (1-4 Credits)
A study of one or more selected topics in applied geography. Topics vary according to the needs of the student and the current professional environment. (Fall, Spring, Summer)

GE 499. Independent Study-Practicum. (3 Credits)
Open to senior majors on approval of the department head. Provides for independent study and research under departmental determination, supervision, and evaluation. (Fall, Spring, Summer)