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This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade[1]	Major GPA[2]	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University *or* Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC		
	Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC		
	History[5]	3			CR		
Semester Three (15-17 Credit Hours)							
	Choose 1 of the following: GEOG 103 Foundations of Geography (CC-GSS) GEOG 104 Introduction to Physical Geog. (CC-SCI) GEOG 105 The Digital Earth (CC-ARP) GEOG 121 Geographies of Global Change (CC-GSS) GEOG 201 Landform Geography (CC-SCI) GEOG 202 Weather and Climate (CC-SCI) GEOG 210 People, Places, & Environments (CC-GSS)	3-4	C		CC		
	Cognate *or* Minor Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Foreign language[3] *or* Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	Choose 1 of the following: GEOG 263 Geographic Information Systems GEOG 341 Cartography GEOG 345 Introduction to Remote Sensing GEOG 551 Remote Sensing of the Environment	3	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cognate *or* Minor Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Social Science	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Elective[7]	3			CC/PR		
Semester Five (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG Elective[8] *(200-level or above)*	3-4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cognate *or* Minor Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Elective[7]	3			CC/PR		
	Elective[7]	3			PR		
Semester Six (15-17 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG Elective[8] *(200-level or above)*	3-4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	GEOG Elective[8] *(200-level or above)*	3-4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Cognate *or* Minor Course[6]	3	C		PR		
	Elective[7]	3			PR		
	Elective[7]	3			PR		
Semester Seven (15-16 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG 495 Seminar in Geography *(offered fall only)*	3	C		MR CC-INT	At least 15 hrs. GEOG credit	
	GEOG Elective[8] *(500-level or above)*	3-4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Minor Course[6] *or* Elective[7]	3	C *(minor)*		PR		
	Elective[7]	3			PR		
	Elective[7]	3			PR		
Semester Eight (12-15 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG Elective[8] *(500-level or above)*	3-4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	GEOG Elective[8] *(200-level or above)*	3-4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Minor Course[6] *or* Elective[7]	3	C *(minor)*		PR		
	Elective[7]	3			PR		
	Elective[7]	1			PR		

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Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	24	52-64	32-44	2.000

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
3. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
4. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
5. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
6. The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
7. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.
8. Geography Electives (18 credit hours): Select 5-6 GEOG courses with advisor's approval that are tailored towards a topical, methodological, or geographical focus. Majors may take up to 9 hours of GEOG courses at the 200-level to fulfill major requirements; 6 hours must be from the 500-level. GEOG 595 can be used to fulfill up to 3 hours of geography elective credit, but not the 500-level requirement.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- Any exceptions or additional options in the Geography major may be made with the consultation and approval of the departmental advisor.
- BA with Distinction in Geography (36 hours): Available to students majoring in Geography who wish to participate in significant research activities in their major field under the supervision of a faculty mentor. A minimum GPA of 3.50 in the major and 3.30 cumulative is required to apply for a BA or BS with Distinction in Geography. Requirements:
  - Students must submit a written application for the BA with Distinction in Geography at least eight months before completion of the degree.
  - Written sponsorship agreement from a Geography faculty mentor on file in the department.
  - An established thesis committee consisting of a tenure-track faculty member in Geography & at least one other tenure-track or research faculty member at the University of South Carolina.
  - A written thesis demonstrating significant original work and approved by the thesis committee.
  - A public presentation of the Senior Thesis research.
  - General major requirements, plus 12 additional credit hours including: a minimum of 9 credit hours in GEOG 498, or any GEOG 500-level courses, and GEOG 499-Senior Thesis (3).
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	**CC-INF**	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	**CC-INT**	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	**CC-SCI**	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	**CC-VSR**	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	**CR**	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	**MR**	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	**PR**	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		