

BA IN GEOGRAPHY (METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING)



SACRAMENTO STATE

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Natural Sciences & Mathematics

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Geography

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HIST 184									
KINS 175									

Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?

No

Do these changes impact the degree roadmap?

No

Catalog Description:

Units required for Major: 46

Total units required for BA: 120

Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Geography with a concentration in Metropolitan Area Planning helps students understand how cities have evolved, with an emphasis on spatial patterns and the role of transportation in structuring settlements. The concentration provides students with skills for designing cities that address important issues such as sustainability, affordable housing and transportation, a strong civic life, and public health and safety.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Lower Division Core (10 Units)		
GEOG 1	Atmosphere, Landscapes & Life: Intro to Physical Geography ¹	3
<i>Cultural Geography Elective</i>		3
Complete one of the following		
GEOG 2	Cultural Geography ¹	
GEOG 4	Global Urbanism: Cities and World Regions ¹	
GEOG 3	Introduction to Maps and Geographic Technologies	3
GEOG 11	Laboratory in Physical Geography	1
Upper Division Core (15 Units)		
GEOG 102	Ideas and Skills in Geography	3
GEOG 109	Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 118	Earth Transformed	3
GEOG 190	Senior Research Seminar in Geography ¹	3
<i>Regional Geography Core Elective</i>		3
Complete one of the following		
GEOG 121	United States and Canada	
GEOG 127	Geography of Africa South of the Sahara ¹	
GEOG 128	Geography Of Europe	
GEOG 131	California	
GEOG 133	Geography of the Middle East and North Africa ¹	
Metropolitan Area Planning Concentration (21 Units) ²		
GEOG 148	Urban and Regional Planning	3
GEOG 182	Qualitative Methods in Geography	3
<i>Human Geography Electives</i>		9
Complete three of the following		
GEOG 141	Geography of Economic Activity	
GEOG 142	Feminist Geography	
GEOG 143	Environmental Hazards and Society ¹	
GEOG 144	Transforming the City	
GEOG 145	Population Geography ¹	
GEOG 149	Transportation Geography	

GEOG 164	Political Ecology, Nature, and Justice	
ENVS 122	Environmental Impact Analysis: CEQA and NEPA	
<i>Techniques Elective</i>		3
Complete one of the following		
GEOG 105	Cartography	
GEOG 107	Remote Sensing	
GEOG 110	Spatial Analysis in GIS	
GEOG 150	Programming for GIS	
GEOG 151	Programming for GIS II	
GEOG 155	GIS Data Acquisition and Management	
GEOG 163	Applied GIS	
GEOG 181	Quantitative Methods in Geography	
GEOG 193A	Field Geography: Urban-Metropolitan	
GEOG 193B	Field Geography: Suburban-Rural	
<i>Physical Geography Elective</i>		3
Complete one of the following		
GEOG 111	Elements Of Meteorology ¹	
GEOG 113	Climate ¹	
GEOG 115	Biogeography ¹	
GEOG 116	Global Climate Change ¹	
GEOG 117	Landforms	
GEOG 160	Course GEOG 160 Not Found ¹	
GEOG 165	California Burning: Wildfires, Climate, and Biodiversity ¹	
Total Units		46

¹ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

² Sections of GEOG 195A or GEOG 199 with sufficient units and focused on relevant content may be substituted for a concentration course requirement with the consent of the major advisor and department chair.

Additional Recommended Courses

The courses below provide valuable additional knowledge and perspectives for students choosing the MAP concentration:

Code	Title	Units
ECON 132	State and Local Government Finance	3
ECON 180	Urban Economics	3
GEOG 131	California	3
HIST 163	The City in US History ¹	3
HIST 184/ART 118B	California Architecture and Urban History	3
KINS 175	Management of Recreation Facilities	3

¹ Course also satisfies General Education (GE)/Graduation Requirement.

General Education Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Area 1: English Communication (9 Units)		
1A	English Composition	3
1B	Critical Thinking	3
1C	Oral Communication	3
Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (3 Units)		
	Area 2 Course - Lower Division	3
Area 3: The Arts and Humanities (6 Units)		
3A	Arts	3
3B	Humanities ²	3
Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 Units)		
	Area 4 Course -Lower Division ²	3
	Area 4 Course - Lower Division	3
Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences (7 Units)		

5A - Physical Science ²	3
5B - Biological Science	3
5C - Laboratory ²	1
Area 6: Ethnic Studies (3 Units)	
Area 6 Course	3
Upper Division Courses: (9 Units)	
Area 3 Course - Upper Division ²	3
Area 4 Course - Upper Division ²	3
Area 2 OR Area 5 Course - Upper Division ²	3
Total Units	43

¹ To help you complete your degree in a timely manner and not take more units than absolutely necessary, there are ways to use single courses to meet more than one requirement (overlap). For further information, please visit the General Education page (<https://catalog.csus.edu/colleges/academic-affairs/general-education/>).

Note: There is no way to list all possible overlaps so please consult with a professional advisor. The Academic Advising Center can be visited online (<http://www.csus.edu/acad>), by phone (916) 278-1000, or email (advising@csus.edu).

² General Education Requirement may be satisfied by major requirement or elective.

Graduation Requirements ¹

Code	Title	Units
Graduation Requirements (required by CSU) (6 Units)		
American Institutions: U.S. History		3
American Institutions: U.S. Constitution & CA Government		3
Writing Intensive (WI) ²		0
Graduation Requirements (required by Sacramento State) (12 Units)		
English Composition II		3
Race and Ethnicity in American Society (RE)		3
Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement ³		6

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² Required in Major; also satisfies Graduation Requirement.

³ If not satisfied before entering Sacramento State, it may be satisfied in General Education Area C2 (Humanities). "C- or better required." The alternative methods for satisfying the Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement are described here: <https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html> (<https://www.csus.edu/college/arts-letters/world-languages-literatures/foreign-language-requirement.html>)

Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:

The proposed changes do not have any anticipated impact on other programs, as they simply reflect updates of in-department program electives.

Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:

No anticipated impacts.

How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?

The listed courses are already approved and offered; the proposed changes simply bring the program electives in alignment with recent practice.

Will the proposed changes require additional resources?

No

What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?

None anticipated

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