GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)

GEOG 100 Physical Geography
3 credits
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Natural environment; nature, distribution, and relationships of climate, landforms, oceans, vegetation, hydrography, and soils. Three lectures and one 2-hour lab per week; may involve evening classes.

GEOG 100L Physical Geography Lab
1 credit
Gen Ed: Natural and Applied Sciences
Natural environment; nature, distribution, and relationships of climate, landforms, oceans, vegetation, hydrography, and soils. Three lectures and one 2-hour lab per week; may involve evening classes.

GEOG 165 Human Geography
3 credits
Gen Ed: Social Science, International
Intro to geographical dimension in human behavior and how this is evident in population distribution, rural and urban land use, and social, economic, and political attributes of societies.

GEOG 200 World Regional Geography
3 credits
Gen Ed: Social Science, International
Countries, regions, and peoples of the world; interrelationships between humans and their physical and cultural environments.

GEOG 203 (s) Workshop
Credit arranged
GEOG 204 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged
GEOG 260 Introduction to Geopolitics
3 credits
Gen Ed: Social Science, International
The course introduces students to contemporary approaches to geopolitics through the exploration of key geographic concepts and the ideas of structure and agency. Topics include terrorism, nationalism, militarism, borders, and environmental geopolitics. Current events are discussed to exemplify the concepts.

GEOG 299 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged
GEOG 301 Meteorology
3 credits
Atmospheric processes that produce weather; temperature; moisture, clouds, and precipitation; synoptic-scale weather; severe storms; weather instrumentation, weather maps, and forecasting; influences of weather on humans and impacts of humans on weather. (Fall only)
Prereq: MATH 143 or equivalent
GEOG 317 Tree Rings and Environmental Change
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 517
Principles, techniques, and interpretation in tree-ring science. Applications in climate, ecology, forestry, and earth sciences. The course objectives are (1) to become proficient with the field and laboratory skills commonly used in tree-ring research, (2) to develop an understanding of the diversity of the applications of tree-ring science, and (3) to apply the techniques and knowledge learned in the course in addressing a specific topic of interest within the broad realm of geographic research. Additional work required for graduate credit.

GEOG 330 Urban Geography
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 531.
Theory and models of the functions, origin, development, structure, and distribution of cities; land-use and housing, globalization and cities, neighborhood transition, urban economic development, and geographic aspects of city planning. Also considers urban social differences, inequality, and conflicts over the uses and meanings of city space. Graduate students are required to synthesize journal articles and complete an additional independent research paper.

GEOG 345 Global Economic Geography
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 545.
An overview of major developments and contemporary debates in the economic geography literature; economic globalization, the spatial dimensions of resource use, agriculture, industry, and post-industry landscapes, economic aspects of land-use change, location theory and case studies. Additional projects required for graduate credit.

GEOG 350 Geography of Development
3-4 credits
Gen Ed: International
Joint-listed with GEOG 550.
Geographic appraisal of resource problems and development potentials of the Third World. One hour additional meeting per week or project for fourth credit. Additional assignments and exams required for graduate credit.

GEOG 360 Population Dynamics and Distribution
3-4 credits
Gen Ed: International
Effects of fertility, mortality, and migration on population size and distribution; demographic trends in U.S. and other societies and how these relate to economic, political, environmental, and other factors. One hour additional meeting per week or project for fourth credit. Additional assignments and exams required for graduate credit. (Spring only)

GEOG 365 Political Geography
3 credits
Gen Ed: Social Science, International
Joint-listed with GEOG 565
Surveys the geographic distribution of political processes, actions, and outcomes at variety of spatial scales - international, national, and local. Topics include origins of the modern territorial state, conflicts over access to and use of space, access to natural resources, nationalism, elections, democratization, globalization, terrorism, and the politics of identity. Graduate students are required to complete an additional independent research paper.
GEOG 385 GIS Primer
3 credits
Intro to basic concepts and applications of geographic information systems (GIS), lab exercises on PC-based GIS packages. Two lectures and 2 hours of lab per week. Prereq: basic knowledge of PC-based operating system.

GEOG 390 Cartographic Design & Geovisualization
3 credits
Map projections, map generalization, cartographic design, map symbology, and typography; statistical, isarithmic and multivariate mapping; static versus dynamic mapping; interactive and internet mapping; cartographic animation; 2 hours of lab per week. (Spring only)
Prereq: GEOG 385

GEOG 400 (s) Seminar
Credit arranged

GEOG 401 Climatology
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 512.
Physical basis for climatic processes and patterns; mechanics of global atmospheric circulation; radiation balance and heat budget of the earth; models of weather patterns and climate. Additional assignments and quantitative exercises required for graduate credit. (Spring, alt/years)

GEOG 402 GIS Skills Development
1-3 credits, max 6
Hands-on skills development in GIS and related technologies. Primary topics vary by semester, but may include topics such as GPS/GIS integration, web-based GIS, project management and cartographic design. May be taken for credit multiple times.

GEOG 403 (s) Workshop
Credit arranged

GEOG 404 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged

GEOG 405 Climate and Water Resources Change
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 505.
Physical processes that determine the climate of Earth and its past and future changes: greenhouse effect, radiative and heat feedback processes, orbital parameter theory. Climate and Environmental Periods. Atmospheric and water resources change within the instrumental period of records. Future climate and water resources: Paleo-perspectives on ‘greenhouse warming’. Review of paleoclimate techniques: dendroclimatology, marine and lake sediments, polar and mountain ice core paleo-climatic records, paleo-climatic and historic data analysis. Additional assignments and exams required for graduate credit.
Prereq: GEOG 401 and STAT 251, or Permission

GEOG 407 Spatial Analysis and Modeling
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 507.
Introduces the basic theories and methods of spatial analysis used for statistical modeling and problem solving in human and physical geography. The special nature of spatial data (point, continuous, and lattice) in the social and physical sciences is emphasized. Topics include point pattern analysis, spatial autocorrelation analysis, spatial multivariate regression, local indicators of spatial association, and geographically weighted regression. Extra oral and/or written assignments required for graduate credit. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students.
Prereq: STAT 431 or permission

GEOG 410 Biogeography
3 credits
Geographic distributions of plant and animal species, and causes of patterns, including climate, geology, speciation, extinction, and migration.
Prereq: GEOG 100/GEOS 100L or FOR 221/REM 221

GEOG 411 Natural Hazards and Society
3 credits
Overview of the geophysical conditions associated with the development of natural hazards including social science principles and methodologies for addressing critical questions relating to managing the vulnerability and risks associated with various natural hazards.

GEOG 414 Socioeconomic Applications of GIS
3 credits
This course explores the use of geographic information systems (GIS) in various socioeconomic research fields including but not limited to urban planning, transportation, public health, environmental justice, crime analysis, and retail/business location etc. A major goal of this course is to teach students how to integrate geographical information techniques and data analytics with their future or ongoing research and real-world applications in the fields of social sciences. The course will be a combination of lectures and labs. The basic concepts, methodologies, and theories will be introduced in the lecture, and the lab sections are designed to give students hands-on experience using ArcGIS to complete a series of real-world projects.
Prereq: GEOG 385 or equivalent

GEOG 420 Land, Resources, and Environment
3 credits
Social, legal, cultural, political, and economic aspects of land-use control both in the United States and worldwide. Contrasts are made between indigenous and contemporary cultures within a sustainable geography-of-limits and political ecology framework. (Spring only)

GEOG 421 Hydrologic Applications of GIS and Remote Sensing
3 credit
Joint-listed with GEOG 524.
Concepts of area-based hydrologic modeling and assessment and the various types of spatially distributed information commonly used in these activities, such as topographic data, vegetation cover, soils and meteorologic data. Hands-on experience in manipulating these types of data sets for hydrologic applications. Recommended Preparation: FOR 462, BE 355, or CE 325; or equivalent.
Prereq: GEOG 385 or equivalent work experience

GEOG 430 Climate Change Ecology
3 credits
Climate change impacts on ecosystems, plants, and animals; feedbacks to climate change; climate change mitigation related to ecosystems and species.
Prereq: BIOL 114 or ENVTS 101 or GEOG 100 or FOR 221 or REM 221 or Instructor Permission

GEOG 435 Climate Change Mitigation
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 535.
Overview of the sources and magnitude of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at various scales from international to local; barriers to and options for reducing GHG emissions via new energy sources, increased efficiency, capture of wasted energy and land management practices. For graduate credit, a major independent project is required as well as additional assignments.
GEOG 453 Water and Energy Systems
3 credits
The class covers the basic science of water and energy and the applied interrelationships of those two resources in today's society. The broad spectrum coverage of the topic includes the energy linkage to both the supply and demand of water and also the water linkage to the supply of and demand for energy. The class includes development of systems dynamics models for describing the resource interactions. Recommended Preparation: Basic Physical Sciences.
Prereq: MATH 143
GEOG 455 Societal Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Change
3 credits
Consequences of human causes, mitigation and adaptations, community resilience strategies, and policy implications to human impacts of global climate change. Concentration on social science issues including opportunities and constraints for resilience and adaptation to global climate change. Recommended Preparation: GEOG 411.
GEOG 475 Intermediate GIS
3 credits
Course covers in-depth geographic information systems models and applications. Topics include network analysis, watershed analysis, spatial interpolation, terrain mapping and analysis, 3D visualization, and GIS modeling. Students develop spatial analysis and modeling skills to solve real-world problems.
Prereq: GEOG 385
Coreq: STAT 251
GEOG 479 GIS Programming
3 credits
This course introduces students to basic computational concepts using Python, an object-oriented scripting language, for data processing, analysis and application development. Contemporary research in analytical geography has placed an increasing demand on the computational skills of its practitioners. The advances in spatial data analysis and geographical modeling have also largely out-paced the capabilities of standard statistical software. At the same time, the multidisciplinary nature of the spatial science often translates into the need to deal with disparate data sources, formats and programming languages. As such, students undertaking research are often confronted with a daunting set of tasks that are seldom covered in an integrated fashion in course work. This course is designed to address this situation.
Prereq: GEOG 475 or by instructor permission.
GEOG 483 Remote Sensing/GIS Integration
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 583.
Concepts and tools for the processing, analysis, and interpretation of digital images from satellite and aircraft-based sensors. The integration of remotely sensed data with the other spatial data types within Geographic Information Systems. Additional assignments and exams required for graduate credit. Two lectures and 2 hours of lab per week.
Coreq: GEOG 385 or equivalent
GEOG 487 (s) Topics in Geospatial Analysis
3 credits, max arranged
Joint-listed with GEOG 587
Current topics and applications in remote sensing, GIS, and/or spatial analysis. Topics to vary by instructor and current trends in the field. Recommended preparation: At least 2 courses in GIS and/or 1 in remote sensing, depending on topic. Additional course project required for graduate credit.
GEOG 488 Geography of Energy Systems
3 credits
This course examines geographic dimensions associated with the production, distribution, acquisition, consumption and storage of energy. Geographic tools and techniques will be used to analyze, understand and deconstruct complexity and nuance across various modes of production, current topics and challenges along with future considerations such as transitioning to renewable energy sources. The course will split time between classroom settings, field trips to energy installations on campus and across the Inland Northwest, in addition applied learning activities.
GEOG 489 Capstone Preparation
1 credit
Planning and preparation for senior project to be carried out in subsequent semester. Students learn expectations for the senior project, plan their project, gather data and other resources and develop an agreement with their faculty mentor.
GEOG 493 Senior Capstone in Geography
3 credits
Gen Ed: Senior Experience
A capstone course in which students integrate their knowledge of human and physical geography, as well as geographic techniques, to propose solutions to real-world problems. Students gain experience in working in small groups and in written and oral presentation of project results, and will be evaluated with respect to the skills acquired in their degree program. Topics may include, but are not limited to, issues such as sustainable development in rural communities, global and regional food and energy distribution, quantifying and analyzing global or regional indicators of environmental and/or societal trends. Open to Senior geography majors or to nonmajors with Instructor Permission.
Prereq: GEOG 489, Department of Geography Majors or Permission
GEOG 498 (s) Internship
Credit arranged
Graded P/F.
GEOG 499 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged
GEOG 500 Master's Research and Thesis
Credit arranged
GEOG 501 (s) Seminar
Credit arranged
GEOG 502 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged
GEOG 503 (s) Workshop
Credit arranged
GEOG 504 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged
GEOG 505 Climate and Water Resources Change
3 credits
Joint-listed with GEOG 405.
Prereq: GEOG 401 and STAT 251, or Permission
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3 credits  
Joint-listed with GEOG 407.  
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Prereq: STAT 431 or permission  

GEOG 513 Global Climate Change  
3 credits  
Joint-listed with GEOG 313.  
Scientific basis of the climate system and global climate changes; process-based understanding of past, present and future climate change; natural and anthropogenic influences; interactions between climate, society and ecosystems; scientific review and politicization; climate change solutions and opportunities. Students in GEOG 513 will be required to solve additional quantitative problem sets and synthesize journal articles. (Fall only)  

GEOG 517 Tree Rings and Environmental Change  
3 credits  
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GEOG 524 Hydrologic Applications of GIS and Remote Sensing  
3 credit  
Joint-listed with GEOG 424.  
Concepts of area-based hydrologic modeling and assessment and the various types of spatially distributed information commonly used in these activities, such as topographic data, vegetation cover, soils and meteorologic data. Hands-on experience in manipulating these types of data sets for hydrologic applications. Recommended Preparation: FOR 462, BE 355, or CE 325; or equivalent.  
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GEOG 565 Global Economic Geography  
3 credits  
Joint-listed with GEOG 365  
Introduces the basic theories and methods of spatial analysis used for statistical modeling and problem solving in human and physical geography. The special nature of spatial data (point, continuous, and lattice) in the social and physical sciences is emphasized. Topics include point pattern analysis, spatial autocorrelation analysis, spatial multivariate regression, local indicators of spatial association, and geographically weighted regression. Extra oral and/or written assignments required for graduate credit. Cooperative: open to WSU degree-seeking students.  
Prereq: STAT 431 or permission  

GEOG 575 Advanced Topics in Remote Sensing  
3 credits, max arranged  
Joint-listed with GEOG 487  
Current topics and applications in remote sensing, GIS, and/or spatial analysis. Topics to vary by instructor and current trends in the field. Recommended preparation: At least 2 courses in GIS and/or 1 in remote sensing, depending on topic. Additional course project required for graduate credit.  

GEOG 591 History and Philosophy of Geography  
3 credits  
Evolution of geography as a discipline, focusing on post-scientific revolution developments and identification of major themes in contemporary geographic thought.
GEOG 596 Geography Department Seminar
1 credit
Weekly or bi-weekly department seminar with talks given by visiting and local speakers on topics relevant to geography.

GEOG 598 (s) Internship
Credit arranged
Practical, on-the-job experience with governmental agencies or commercial establishments; oral and written reports are presented in which the student reviews and constructively criticizes the experience gained; salary may be received for services performed. Graded P/F.
Prereq: Permission

GEOG 599 (s) Research
Credit arranged
Research not directly related to a thesis or dissertation.
Prereq: Permission

GEOG 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation
Credit arranged