The geography BA degree focuses on more than just learning about cultural geography. In this program, you learn how to view the world in a more holistic way that encompasses climatology, landscape dynamics, urban and regional geography and more in order to understand various cultural phenomena.

**Program Description**

The BA program in geography teaches students to see the world through the twin lenses of space and place.

Geographers have a unique spatial perspective in understanding the modern world, from global to local. The Bachelor of Arts program in geography emphasizes humanistic and cultural traditions. Students pursuing undergraduate studies in geography typically concentrate knowledge-building in understanding various cultural phenomena or in studying regions such as:

- Africa
- Asia
- Australia and Oceania
- Europe
- Latin America
- North America

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe campus](#) or [online](#)

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)
2019 - 2020 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

Geography, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Transfer Options

Attend Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.
ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Geographers obtain careers in:

- community development
- foreign service
- geodemographic analysis
- governmental organizations
- intelligence analysis
- international trade
- nongovernmental organizations
- public sector transportation planning
- teaching
- urban and regional planning

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.
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