Geography, BA

Our world of landforms is made special by the people who call it home. Learn of humanistic and cultural traditions while delving into the physical aspects of our world, such as landscape dynamics and climate.

Program Description

Combining the physical environment with human interaction, the BA in geography program emphasizes humanistic and cultural traditions.

Students pursuing undergraduate studies in geography typically concentrate on knowledge-building in understanding various cultural phenomena or in studying regions such as: Africa, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Europe, Latin America and North America.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** Tempe campus or [online](#), [ASU Local@Los Angeles](#)
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

- [2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)](#)
- [2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)](#)
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
- Urban and Environmental Planning, MUEP

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

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

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

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.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ 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
Students deepen their understanding of cultural traditions in the human experience of place when studying abroad. With over 250 programs available, study abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Studying abroad grants students the ability to explore the world and gain hands-on experience in diverse cultures and traditions. Students enhance their resumes with the heightened skills in cultural competency, communication and critical thinking they acquire through study abroad. https://goglobal.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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Contact Information

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