A deeper understanding of the physical world, geographic regions and cultures can be a beneficial enhancement of a wide variety of degrees and disciplines. The geography minor is a customizable experience that allows you to select your classes based on your unique interests and major degree program.

Description

The geography minor, rooted in a foundation of cultural and physical geography, encourages students to explore intersections of place and space. Students in the minor gain a unique understanding of the modern world from both the local and global perspectives. Students also gain a deeper understanding of how humans impact landscapes.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online

Program Requirements

Minor Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Minor Map

The minor in geography requires a minimum of 19 credit hours, of which at least 12 credit hours must be upper-division. All courses must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better.

Cultural Geography (choose one) -- 3 credit hours

GCU 102: Introduction to Human Geography (SB & G) (3)
GCU 121: World Geography (SB & G) (4)
GCU 241: The Global Economy in Transition (SB & G) (3)

Physical Geography -- 4 credit hours

GPH 111: Introduction to Physical Geography (SQ) (3)
GPH 112: Introduction to Physical Geography Lab (SQ) (1)

Upper-Division Electives -- 12 credit hours

GPH OR GCU OR GIS Upper Division Elective (12)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this minor.

Enrollment Requirements

GPA Requirement: None

Incompatible Majors: BA and BS in geography; BS in geography (urban studies); BS in geography (meteorology-climatology)

Other Enrollment Requirements: None

Current ASU undergraduate students may pursue a minor and have it recognized on their ASU transcript at graduation. Students interested in pursuing a minor should consult their academic advisor to declare the minor and to ensure that an appropriate set of courses is taken. Minor requirements appear on the degree audit once the minor is added. Certain major and minor combinations may be deemed inappropriate by the college or department of either the major program or the minor. Courses taken for the minor may not count toward both the major and the minor. Students should contact their academic advisor for more information.

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.

Career Opportunities

A minor in geography helps make students stronger candidates for positions that require an understanding of the Earth's surface, including landforms, water, plants, weather, and people --- and the interactions that take place among those elements. This understanding can be valuable in a variety of careers and fields, including government agencies, nonprofits, sustainability, city and urban planning, tourism, business, marketing, and community outreach.
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