Geography AA-T Degree

FULL TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: Cal-GETC

Total Units: 60

First Year

Semester 1

16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	GEOG 300 Physical Geography: Exploring Earth's Environmental Systems	3		5A
Req	GEOG 301[1] Physical Geography Laboratory	1		5C
RE	GEOG 305 Global Climate Change	3		
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		1A
GE	MATH 300 Introduction to Mathematical Ideas	3		2
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

[1] The Area 5C (Science Lab) course must correspond with either the Area 5A (Physical Sciences) or Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course and must be taken concurrently or after the lecture course.

Semester 2

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	GEOG 310 Human Geography: Exploring Earth's Cultural Landscapes	3		4
RE	GEOG 306 Weather and Climate	3		
GE	any Area 1B (Critical Thinking and Composition) course	3		1B
GE	any Area 3A (Arts) course	3		3A
GE	any Area 5B (Biological Sciences) course	3		5B

TRANSFER PATH

Potential Transfer Majors:

- Geography B.A.

possible concentrations

- human geography
- physical geography
- geographic information systems
- metropolitan area planning

Potential Career/Options After Completing a Bachelor's Degree:

The opportunities for geographers are as varied as the scope of geography itself. Geographers are found throughout the public and private sector, though rarely in positions with the title of Geographer. When combined with appropriate internships and/or other work experience, a baccalaureate degree in geography is excellent preparation for careers such as natural resource management, environmental consulting, urban and regional planning, and elementary and secondary teaching. A baccalaureate degree in geography can also act as a stepping stone to graduate education in geography or a related field, such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Advising Notes:

Second Year

Semester 3

15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
RE	GEOG 320 World Regional Geography	3		
RE	GEOL 300 Physical Geology	3		
GE	any Area 1C (Oral Communication) course	3		1C
GE	any Area 3B (Humanities) course	3		3B
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		

Semester 4

14 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	any Area 4 (Social & Behavioral Sciences) course in a discipline other than GEOG	3		4
GE	any Area 6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		6
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	3		
Elec	any transferable elective course	2		

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program
RE	Restricted Elective	A course selected from a list of elective courses specified for this program in the course list in the catalog, which can be replaced with another course from the same list
GE	General Education	A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement
Elec	Degree Elective	A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree

- This map is designed for students who are able to take 12 units or more each semester, which is considered a full-time load. It shows one possible way to finish the program in two years. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- **Transferable Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 300-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.

Other Notes to Students Preparing to Transfer:

- See ASSIST.ORG for the transfer requirements of the institution to which you plan to transfer.
- The CSU system requires every student receiving a bachelor's degree to be knowledgeable about the Constitution of the United States, American history, and state and local government. This requirement is generally known as the American Institutions requirement. Students can complete this requirement at ARC before transferring. See a counselor for a list of approved courses.

Honors Courses (H):

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or better who complete 15 or more units of Honors coursework earn an Honors Transfer Certificate and can take advantage of honors-to-honors transfer agreements with highly selective colleges and universities, both public and private.

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