GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)

GEOG 100. FUNDAMENTALS OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. 5 Credits.
Satisfies: a BACR for natural sciences.
An introduction to the principal components of our Earth’s natural systems of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere with emphasis on the dynamic patterns and processes of air, water, soil, vegetation, landforms and habitat, and the interrelated role of humans.

GEOG 101. FUNDAMENTALS OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY. 5 Credits.
Satisfies: a BACR for social sciences.
An introduction to the study of spatial variations among human cultures and the patterns of interaction between humans and the natural environment, with special emphasis on topics including language, religion, demography, political systems, technology, agriculture, manufacturing and urbanization.

GEOG 195. INTERNSHIP. 1-15 Credits.

GEOG 201. INTRODUCTION TO FIELD RESEARCH. 5 Credits.
This course presents the fundamentals of field research design and performance.

GEOG 203. FUNDAMENTALS OF SURFACE HYDROLOGY. 5 Credits.
This class is an introduction to surface hydrology. Hydrological process and the techniques used to measure them are the primary focus of this course.

GEOG 204. HOT EARTH: PEOPLE AND CLIMATE CHANGE. 5 Credits.
Satisfies: a BACR for natural sciences.
An introduction to the earth-atmosphere system. The course surveys the physical nature of the atmosphere including weather elements, weather systems and climate. The course addresses the social and environmental issues related to natural and human induced changes in the composition of the atmosphere.

GEOG 226. INTRODUCTION TO GIS SOFTWARE DESIGN. 2 Credits.
This course provides hands-on experience and teaches students technical proficiency using GIS software through demonstration and laboratory exercises.

GEOG 227. CRITICAL CARTOGRAPHIES. 5 Credits.
Satisfies: a BACR for humanities and arts.
The focus of this course is mastering and critically evaluating the historic and contemporary uses of maps as both scientific and artistic representations of geographic reality, environmental as well as cultural. Special attention is directed toward maps as communication devices. The course is of value for those wishing to move on to geographic information systems (GIS) courses as well as general background for geography, social science, humanities, and education majors.

GEOG 230. WORLD GEOGRAPHY. 5 Credits.
Satisfies: a university graduation requirement–global studies.
A survey of world geographical relationships. Includes an examination of the distribution of selected physical and human phenomena and the processes responsible for the distributions and the varying interrelationships from place to place between humans and the environment.

GEOG 235. ENERGY/WATER NEXUS. 4 Credits.
Cross-listed: SUST 235.
Satisfies: a BACR for social sciences.
Energy and water are intrinsically linked. Each is needed to extract, harness, and transport the other and modern society demands that both are readily available. This class will review water availability, use, classifications and spatiotemporal considerations. Students will learn about the history and current state of technology of energy systems. The water energy nexus and how it prevails in different systems will be discussed throughout the course.

GEOG 250. GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. 3 Credits.
This course is a survey of the patterns, structures and locational principles of economic activity, including world regional and historical economic development, natural resources, agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, communications and the distribution of service sectors. Particular emphasis will be placed on the process of globalization, free trade and the increasing significance of space and place in the 21st century global economy.

GEOG 299. SPECIAL STUDIES. 1-15 Credits.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.
Subjects studied vary according to faculty and student interest.

GEOG 300. EARTH SYSTEMS PROCESSES. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 100 or permission of the instructor.
Systematic study of physical events and processes within the human environment including elements of landforms, soils, vegetation, and oceans.

GEOG 301. HUMAN GEOGRAPHY. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: successful completion of ENGL 201.
A study of humans, focused on their interaction with the physical and cultural environments of the earth.

GEOG 302. CULTURE, POWER, NATURE: THE HUMAN-ANIMAL NEXUS. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: ENGL 201.
An introduction to the ways that humans and animals have shared the earth across space and time, with an emphasis on the ways different cultural groups interact with, make use of, assign economic values to, develop cultural perspectives about, impact the habitats of, form friendships with, attempt to protect, or potentially cause the extinction of, various animal species. The class explores the nexus of humans, animals, and cultural systems of power, privilege, oppression and colonization.

GEOG 305. INTRODUCTION TO OCEANOGRAPHY. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: mathematics clearance.
An introduction to the nature, occurrence, distribution and interrelationships of phenomena in the oceans, the basins and margins.

GEOG 306. NATURAL VEGETATION ECOLOGY OF NORTH AMERICA. 5 Credits.
Cross-listed: BIOL 306.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 100 or permission of the instructor.
This course is an introduction to the processes and patterns of vegetation, emphasizing the Pacific Northwest.

GEOG 312. FUNDAMENTALS OF SOIL SCIENCE. 4 Credits.
Cross-listed: BIOL 312.
Pre-requisites: MTHD 104 or clearance by test.
A general introduction to physical, chemical and biological properties of soils.
GEOG 314. WEATHER FORECASTING. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 204 or 10 credits of upper division science or permission of the instructor.
Includes the principles of meteorology, description and use of instruments, weather and climate controls. Students will gain experience using contemporary data from NOAA/NWS and elsewhere for analyses in weather forecasting.

GEOG 315. WATER RESOURCES. 4 Credits.
Pre-requisites: mathematics clearance.
A comprehensive examination of water resources. This class examines the role of the hydrologic cycle and the geography of freshwater in human-environment interactions.

GEOG 317. RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: successful completion of at least one natural science BACR and ENGL 201.
Satisfies: a university graduation requirement–global studies.
Studies the nature and distribution of natural resources, and problems and principles of their use and conservation.

GEOG 321. GIS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES. 3 Credits.
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with an emphasis on its applications in the Social Sciences, including census data, demographic analysis, social justice, and related mapping of social phenomena. Course includes hands-on GIS work in the lab.

GEOG 323. GIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. 3 Credits.
Cross-listed: ENVS 323.
Notes: includes hands-on GIS work in the lab.
Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) with an emphasis on its applications in the environmental sciences. Course. This course satisfies an option for the Certificate in GIS.

GEOG 325. WETLAND SCIENCE I. 4 Credits.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor.
An introduction to the fundamental processes that form and sustain wetlands. Emphasizes the distinctive hydrology, soils, and vegetation of wetlands and field experience in delineation. Examines issues of regulation. Focus is on Pacific Northwest wetlands.

GEOG 329. REMOTE SENSING. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: junior standing or permission of the instructor.
Aerial photographs, digital satellite and drone imagery as records of the earth surface; measurement, interpretation, and analysis of remotely sensed data using GIS and other imaging systems.

GEOG 330. GEOGRAPHY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. 4 Credits.
Pre-requisites: junior standing.
An introduction to regional geographic studies on a local scale. A survey and appraisal of the interrelated elements of the economy, resources, population and physical environment as they affect the growth and development of the region.

GEOG 332. GEOGRAPHY OF LATIN AMERICA. 4 Credits.
Pre-requisites: junior standing.
The study of the physical and human geography of the Americas south of the Rio Grande. Emphasizes explanatory description.

GEOG 333. GEOGRAPHY OF MONSOON ASIA. 4 Credits.
This course is a regional study of non-Russian Asia and adjacent islands, from humid monsoon lands of the far east to the arid eastern Mediterranean.

GEOG 335. GEOGRAPHY OF THE PACIFIC RIM. 4 Credits.
The growing importance of the nations surrounding the Pacific Ocean in world economic development and international relations has been apparent since the early 1900s, but today, at the threshold of a new century, it is of critical importance. The destiny of the United States, and the Pacific Northwest in particular, is inextricably linked to events in such places as China, Japan, the Koreas, Indonesia, Australia, Latin America, Canada and Russia, to name but a few. This course will focus on the major trading nations of the Pacific Rim and examines their relationships with the nations of North America and each other with an approach that blends geography, economics, political science and cultural awareness.

GEOG 352. URBAN POLITICAL ECOLOGY. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: junior standing or permission of instructor.
Satisfies: a university graduation requirement–diversity.
This course examines the breadth of research in geography situated within the sub-field of urban political ecology, the nexus between the process of urbanization and the natural environment. Emphasis will be placed on the spatial expression of socio-environmental inequalities (based on class, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, etc.), as they get written into, or reflected by, the myriad urban landscapes of the world.

GEOG 355. THE GEOGRAPHY OF THEME PARKS. 2 Credits.
Pre-requisites: ENGL 201.
Examination of the geographic history and characteristics of the theme park as a 'serious' part of the built environment. We consider the environmental, economic, political, cultural, architectural, and technological impacts of theme parks on urban and suburban space around the world.

GEOG 357. THE GEOGRAPHY OF CHILDHOOD. 3 Credits.
Pre-requisites: ENGL 201.
Examination of the geographic aspects of childhood across space and time. Focus on how cultures in different places and at different times have created, maintained, and controlled spaces for children, including where children are born, who cares for infants, the conditions of schooling, leisure spaces provided, and the 'virtual geographies' of television and the internet.

GEOG 359. POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: sophomore standing or permission of instructor.
Satisfies: a university graduation requirement–global studies.
The course identifies and critically evaluates the geographic distribution of political actions and outcomes in the context of globalization. Topics include state, regional, national and international electoral politics, international war and conflict, access to natural resources, nationalism, democratization, terrorism, processes of militarization, and the politics of identity.

GEOG 365. URBAN GEOGRAPHY: ORIGINS, FORMS AND FUNCTIONS. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: sophomore standing or permission of instructor.
Satisfies: a university graduation requirement–diversity.
This course explores the complexity of the city in a global context, and the ensemble of economic, political, social, and environmental forces that are constituted in and reverberate through and across particular urban landscapes. Topical issues addressed include the evolution of urban spatial forms, policy and governance, and the city as an increasingly globalizing entity. Emphasis will be placed on contemporary urban problems (widening inequality, deepening poverty and social marginalization).
GEOG 390. EARTH SCIENCE TEACHING METHODS. 1 Credit.
Cross-listed: GEOL 390.
Pre-requisites: GEOL 120, GEOL 121, GEOG 314, PHYS 121; EDUC 303 or permission of the instructor. SCED 390 co-requisite.
This course is designed for Earth Science majors planning to teach middle school, junior or senior high school. It includes the development of curriculum and the organization of teaching materials, techniques and evaluation.

GEOG 392. SEMINAR IN HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF GEOGRAPHY. 2 Credits.
Pre-requisites: senior standing or permission of the instructor.
The development of geographic thought from early to contemporary time.

GEOG 396. EXPERIMENTAL. 1-6 Credits.

GEOG 398. SEMINAR. 2 Credits.

GEOG 399. DIRECTED STUDY. 1-6 Credits.
Notes: maximum of 6 credits may be earned.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor.
Individual study concerned with an appropriate problem closely directed by a geography staff member. Science or social studies credits may be earned depending on the nature of the problem undertaken.

GEOG 410. GEOMORPHOLOGY. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 100 or GEOG 121 or permission of the instructor.
This course treats the development of the surface features of the earth caused by mountain-building, weathering, erosion and deposition.

GEOG 413. RIVERS AND FLOODS. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: junior standing or request of instructor.
The course explores the processes and forms of channelized surface flow, i.e. rivers. This course emphasizes quantitative geographic evaluation and interpretation of fluvial processes, as well as the links between these processes and ecology, resource management, and policy.

GEOG 414. METEOROLOGY. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: junior standing or permission of instructor.
This course begins with a discussion on energy, mass, and our atmosphere. Next, we examine the relationships between the atmosphere and the hydrosphere. The third section covers atmospheric circulation, pressure, air masses, and fronts. We finish by covering midlatitude cyclones and various atmospheric disturbances.

GEOG 420. APPLIED GEOGRAPHIC STUDIES. 2-5 Credits.
Notes: May be repeated for different problems.
Pre-requisites: junior or permission of the instructor.
Credits vary, depending on type of study undertaken. Problem formulation and analysis as they apply to geographic studies. Practical use of geographical techniques mainly for student-originated studies.

GEOG 421. DENDROCHRONOLOGY. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: junior standing or permission of instructor.
This course introduces students to the science of tree ring analysis known as dendrochronology. This sub discipline of physical geography is the application and study of tree rings as indicators of environmental phenomena in the surrounding environment. In this course students will gain exposure to the fundamentals of tree-ring science, the history of the discipline, and various uses of tree rings in scientific research.

GEOG 426. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS I. 5 Credits.
Notes: may be stacked with GEOG 528.
Introductory survey of geographic information systems. Focus is on 1. computer techniques for the input, storage, manipulation, analysis, and output of spatial data, and 2. the social and administrative creation and dissemination of geographic information. Lecture and laboratory.

GEOG 427. DESKTOP MAPPING. 3 Credits.
Advanced production of maps and related graphics using computer techniques. Emphasis is placed on the design and creation of thematic maps. Lecture and laboratory.

GEOG 428. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS II. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 426.
Advanced course in geographic information systems and their applications. Through detailed examination of conceptual issues and in-depth laboratory work, students develop and implement a project that involves the computer analysis of spatial data. Lecture and laboratory.

GEOG 429. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS III. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 428 or permission of the instructor.
Advanced course in geographic information systems and their applications. Each student will be responsible for designing and carrying out a GIS project using real world data. Course required for certification in GIS.

GEOG 431. SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SEMINAR. 3 Credits.
Notes: an introduction to the material for those who plan to attend graduate school.
Pre-requisites: junior standing or permission of instructor.
This course explores the concept of "social justice" as it has been examined by social scientists in general and geographers in particular. Our primary concern will be placed on the spatial expression of socioeconomic inequalities, as they get written into, or reflected by, the myriad socio-cultural landscapes of the world. Particular emphasis will be placed on contemporary problems.

GEOG 441. DISASTERS. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 100 and GEOG 101, or permission of instructor.
This course examines the complexity of both natural and technological disasters by exploring various social, political, and economic aspects regarding human exposure and vulnerability to various hazards. Concepts of sustainability and risk are weighed and considered. The course then shifts to the physical sciences to investigate the mechanisms and processes associated with natural events.

GEOG 449. GIS SPATIAL ANALYSIS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. 5 Credits.
Cross-listed: ENVS 449, GEOG 449.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 426, GEOG 323 or ENVS 323.
This is an advanced course where students learn to build Geographic Information System models for environmental applications. In the course, students design, collect data, process data and build several spatial models of increasing complexity. Students will learn advanced techniques in Geographic Information Systems including raster processing, analysis methods and layout design and document their projects in a report form and create production quality maps. This course stresses independent project design and the development of problem solving skills.
GEOG 450. GLOBAL TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT. 3 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 101 or permission of the instructor.
Transportation, involving the movement of goods, people and information, is the most tangible expression of interaction between regions and places. Because it is a major force in shaping the landscape, transportation studies assume a central position in the field of geography. The creation of rapid and economical access is central to the process of development at local, regional and national scales. Changes in modes of transport, particularly since the mid-19th century, have revolutionized trade, travel and communication. The evolution of transport networks has been critical in fostering urbanization and a specialized space economy. In this course we will explore the basic concepts of geographical transportation analysis and apply them to a variety of historical and contemporary topics.

GEOG 470. GIS PROGRAMMING. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 428 or permission of instructor.
This is an advanced GIS course that focuses on the computer programming languages utilized within GIS software. A variety of GIS-related programming languages, methods and techniques are surveyed. Students gain direct experience developing algorithms, reading existing code and writing their own programs in a selected programming language. This is a lab-intensive class; prior computer programming experience recommended but not required.

GEOG 490. THE GEOGRAPHER’S CAPSTONE. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 290 or permission of the instructor.
Satisfies: a university graduation requirement—senior capstone.
This course is a departmental capstone highlighting original geographic research projects designed by students, integrating both physical and human geography topics. The course culminates in a Geography Conference that students plan and host to display their work.

GEOG 493. GIS PORTFOLIO. 2 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 428 or permission of the instructor.
Exit synthesis for the certificate in GIS or related GIS studies. Students will produce two versions of a GIS portfolio highlighting their GIS work, one in hard copy and one on the web using appropriate web publishing and mapping software.

GEOG 495. INTERNSHIP IN GEOGRAPHY. 1-15 Credits.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

GEOG 496. EXPERIMENTAL COURSE. 1-5 Credits.

GEOG 497. WORKSHOP, SHORT COURSE, CONFERENCE, SEMINAR. 1-15 Credits.

GEOG 498. SEMINAR. 1-5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: 15 credits successfully completed in geography or permission of the instructor.
Advanced group study. Discussion topics selected for each seminar.

GEOG 499. DIRECTED STUDY. 1-15 Credits.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

GEOG 505. SPATIAL THEORY. 5 Credits.
This seminar focuses on the development and evolution of spatial theory both within and beyond the discipline of geography. Working from a global perspective, students explore and critically compare seminal theoretical contributions and their broader social contexts that underscore specific moments in the history of geographical studies. We investigate the ways in which contemporary western geographic thought is inseparable from the interconnected global networks within which it emerged. Original texts are used as often as possible and form the core of seminar discussion material.

GEOG 521. GIS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES. 5 Credits.
This course emphasizes the application of Geographic Information Systems in the Social Sciences, including census data, demographic analysis, social justice and related mapping of social phenomena. Course includes hands-on GIS work in the lab.

GEOG 522. RESEARCH DESIGN. 3 Credits.
Provides for the continued development of a practical toolkit with which to conduct applied social science research. Addresses research design elements necessary in areas such needs assessments and program evaluations through techniques such as participatory research, action research, evaluation, assessment and surveying. The course covers development of research proposals for independent, grant funded or contract designs.

GEOG 523. GIS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE. 3 Credits.
This course emphasizes the application of Geographic Information Systems in the Environmental Sciences, including mapping and analysis of topographical, hydrological, geological, biological, and other environmental data. The course includes hands-on GIS work in the lab.

GEOG 524. GIS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. 5 Credits.
This course introduces students to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications in the field of public health. Students learn basic digital mapping and spatial analysis concepts and techniques that can be applied toward the study of the health and wellness of populations. Students gain hands-on experience working with GIS software in a laboratory setting.

GEOG 525. DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUALIZATION. 3 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GIPA 510.
This course introduces students to data analysis and data visualization. In particular, students will learn basic data analysis approaches, explore their use and apply them to qualitative and quantitative data sets. In addition students will synthesize the results of their data analysis into a variety of data visualization formats.

GEOG 527. DESKTOP MAPPING. 3 Credits.
This course explores the various ways that spatial information is communicated through cartographic and related methods. The course covers both contemporary theories of cartographic visualization and applied digital design strategies. Includes hands-on lab work using GIS and related mapping software.

GEOG 528. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS I. 5 Credits.
Introductory survey of geographic information systems. Focus is on (1) computer techniques for the input, storage, manipulation, analysis and output of spatial data and (2) the social and administrative creation and dissemination of geographic information.
GEOG 533. TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. 5 Credits.
Notes: may be repeated for credit when topics differ.
This seminar examines the breadth of research in human and physical geography focused on issues related to environmental justice. Through an intensive engagement with relevant literature and contemporary data, students will be exposed to a series of select historical and contemporary debates in critical geographic studies as we examine the ontological, epistemological and practical dilemmas concerning research driven by and concerned with environmental justice.

GEOG 536. GIS PROGRAMMING. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 528.
This is an advanced course in GIS programming concepts and techniques. Students will be exposed to both legacy and contemporary programming languages integrated with GIS packages. Emphasis will be on creating and interpreting scripts using languages supported by current GIS software. The course includes hands-on GIS and programming work in the lab.

GEOG 538. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS II. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 528.
This course focuses on the design and implementation of geographic information system database structures. Emphasis is on the construction and analysis of contemporary and legacy vector structures, with basic exploration of raster structures. The course includes hands-on GIS work in the lab.

GEOG 548. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS III. 5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 528 and GEOG 538.
This is an advanced course in GIS project design and execution. Students will be expected to work independently on a “real-world” GIS project based on either thesis research or an on-going project developed with a community partner. Students will oversee all stages of the project from design to data collection to presentation of results. The course is required for the GIS Certificate program.

GEOG 549. GIS PORTFOLIO. 2 Credits.
Pre-requisites: GEOG 548 or permission of the instructor.
Advanced GIS course for students finishing their graduate degree and/ or GIS Certificate program. This class will offer students the opportunity to review and revise previous work, arrange it into a portfolio, provide supporting documentation and metadata, and, optionally, create a web page featuring the portfolio material.

GEOG 597. WORKSHOP, SHORT COURSE, CONFERENCE, SEMINAR. 1-5 Credits.

GEOG 599. DIRECTED STUDY. 1-5 Credits.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.

GEOG 600. THESIS. 5 Credits.
Notes: may be repeated.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.
The goal of this course is the successful production of a master’s thesis of defensible quality. The master’s thesis will be the presentation of original research in the field of geography and critical GIS. This document provides partial fulfillment of the MA requirement. This course provides an opportunity to sharpen research, writing and organizational skills under the direction of the student’s graduate committee.

GEOG 601. RESEARCH PROJECT. 5 Credits.
Notes: may be repeated.
Pre-requisites: permission of the instructor, department chair and college dean.
The goal of this course is the successful completion of a master’s research project of defensible quality. The research project will be the culmination of applied research in the field of geography and critical GIS. This research project provides partial fulfillment of the MA requirement for student’s not pursuing the thesis track. This course provides the opportunity to sharpen research, writing, cartographic, advocacy and organizational skills under the direction of the graduate committee.

GEOG 696. COLLEGE TEACHING INTERNSHIP. 5 Credits.