GEOGRAPHY MINOR

Banner Code: GEOG

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A minor in geography is a natural complement to an array of careers, including engineering, government and international politics, environmental science, transportation, business, marketing, and public health. Any Mason undergraduate student is eligible to earn a minor in geography by completing 18-20 credits as outlined in the Requirements tab above; many qualifying courses also fulfill Mason Core (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/) requirements.

If desired, this minor can be pursued fully online; details can be found with Mason Online (http://masononline.gmu.edu/).

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor. For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4).

Students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00.

For policies governing all undergraduate programs, see AP.5 Undergraduate Policies (http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18-20

Students should refer to the Admissions & Policies tab for specific policies related to this program.

Core Courses

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<th>Title</th>
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<td>GGS 102</td>
<td>Physical Geography (Mason Core) (<a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a>)</td>
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<td>or GGS 121</td>
<td>Dynamic Atmosphere and Hydrosphere (Mason Core) (<a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a>)</td>
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<td>GGS 101</td>
<td>Major World Regions (Mason Core) (<a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a>)</td>
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<td>or GGS 103</td>
<td>Human Geography (Mason Core) (<a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a>)</td>
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Systematic and Regional Requirement

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Systematic Geography:
- GGS 301 Political Geography
- GGS 302 Global Environmental Hazards
- GGS 303 Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
- GGS 304 Population Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
- GGS 305 Economic Geography
- GGS 306 Urban Geography
- GGS 307 Geographic Approaches for Sustainable Development
- GGS 309 Meteorology and Climate
- GGS 312 Physical Climatology
- GGS 314 Severe and Extreme Weather
- GGS 319 Air Pollution
- GGS 321 Biogeography
- GGS 322 Issues in Global Change
- GGS 325 Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
- GGS 330 Geography of the Soviet Succession States
- GGS 333 Issues in Regional Geography
- GGS 380 Geography of Virginia

Total Credits 6

Regional Geography:
- GGS 315 Geography of the United States
- GGS 316 Geography of Latin America
- GGS 320 Geography of Europe
- GGS 325 Geography of North Africa and the Middle East
- GGS 330 Geography of the Soviet Succession States
- GGS 333 Issues in Regional Geography
- GGS 380 Geography of Virginia

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Upper-level Electives

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