

# Geography, BA/BS



## University of Wyoming, 2015-16

### Freshman Fall Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Communication 1	3	C	C1
USP First-Year Seminar	3	C	FY
USP Quantitative Reasoning	4		Q
INST 1060 World Regional Geography *	3	C	Cross listed with GEOG 1000.
Elective	3		
Credit hours subtotal:	<b>16</b>		

### Freshman Spring Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Physical & Natural World	4		PN
A&S Core Diversity in the US	3		ASD
GEOG 1020 Introduction to Human Geography *	3	C	ASG
Electives	6		
Credit hours subtotal:	<b>16</b>		

### Sophomore Fall Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Communication 2	3	C	C2
USP Human Culture	3		H; a foreign language is strongly recommended.
USP Physical & Natural World	4		PN
GEOG 1010 Introduction to Physical Geography *	4	C	
Credit hours subtotal:	<b>14</b>		

### Sophomore Spring Semester

	Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
USP Human Culture	3		H; a foreign language is strongly recommended.
GEOG 2150 Foundations of Geo Information Science & Tech *	4	C	
GEOG 3550 Natural Hazards and Society	3	C	Offered spring only; online.
Upper Division Physical Geography Elective	3	C	
Credit hours subtotal:	<b>13</b>		

This is a guide for course work in the major; actual course sequence may vary by student. Please refer to the online student degree evaluation, and consult with an academic advisor. • Not all courses are offered every semester and some electives may have prerequisites. Students should review the course descriptions in the *University Catalog* and consult with their academic advisor to plan accordingly.

#### University of Wyoming requirements:

Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate. • Students must complete 42 hours of upper division (3000-level or above) coursework, 30 of which must be from the University of Wyoming. • Courses must be taken for a letter grade unless offered only for S/U. • University Studies Program (USP) Human Culture (H) and Physical & Natural World (PN) courses must be taken outside of the major subject, but can be cross-listed with the major.

#### College of Arts and Sciences requirements:

Students must take two "core" courses in addition to the USP requirements: Diversity in the United States (ASD) and Global Awareness (ASG). • No more than 60 hours in the major subject may be used toward the 120 credit hours required for graduation. • At least 30 hours in the major subject must be completed with a grade of C or better (the major may require more).

#### Geography Program Notes:

• In addition to course work required by the university and the college, majors must complete 40 hours of department requirements with a grade of C or better.

\* **Core Requirements** (14 hours)

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Junior Fall Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
GEOG	4200	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	4	C		
POLS	1000	American and Wyoming Government	3		V	
		Upper Division Human Geography Elective	3	C		
		Upper Division Geography Elective	3	C		
		Elective	3			
Credit hours subtotal:			<b>16</b>			

Junior Spring Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
GEOG	3480	Environmental Change	3	C	Cross listed with ESS 3480.	
		Upper Division Geography Electives	9	C		
		Elective	3			
Credit hours subtotal:			<b>15</b>			

Senior Fall Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		USP Communication 3	3	C	C3	
GEOG	4051	Environmental Politics	3	C	Cross listed with AMST/ENR/POLS/REWM 4051.	
		Upper Division Geography Electives	9	C		
Credit hours subtotal:			<b>15</b>			

Senior Spring Semester				Hrs	Min Grade	Notes
		Upper Division Geography Electives	12	C		
		Elective	3			
Credit hours subtotal:			<b>15</b>			

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 120**

### Geography Program Notes con't:

• **Content Areas:** Twenty-six (26) hours are to be distributed among a minimum of three (3) of the following areas with at least two (2) courses in each of two (2) areas:

- Human Geography
- Physical Geography
- Geographic Information Science (GIS)
- Natural Resource Management

Courses which satisfy content area requirements are identified by the following codes which appear at the end of the course descriptions in the *University Catalog*: [H] human geography, [P] physical geography, [A] geographic information science, and [R] natural resource management. • Courses used to meet department requirements must be approved by the faculty advisor. • The remaining credit hours needed for completion of the BA or the BS are elective credits (approximately 13 - 15).

**Undergraduate Concentrations:** Although students are encouraged to sample from the wide variety of courses within the geography program, and the general geography major is an option selected by many students, most undergraduate majors choose to specialize in one of the department's areas of concentration. Students must maintain a 3.0 gpa in concentration area courses. Please see the *University Catalog* for a list of concentrations and recommended course offerings.

**BA/BS Degree Designation:** Students not pursuing one of the five existing concentrations but who accumulate 15 or more of their 26 content credits in Physical Geography and Geographic Information Science qualify for the BS degree. Those accumulating 15 or more of their 26 content credits in Natural Resource Management and Human Geography qualify for either a BS or BA degree. • Students must declare to their academic advisor their preference of degrees prior to graduation.

**Study Abroad:** Students should consider applying for study abroad in their sophomore year for a one semester study abroad opportunity in their junior year.