

# GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)

## Course Descriptions

### **GEOG 300 Urban Geography 4 Credit Hours**

The geography of human settlement and urbanization. Particular emphasis is placed on human transformation of the physical environment, and resource use throughout history from ancient civilizations to modern megalopolises. Universal urban challenges such as sprawl, pollution, congestion, crime, poverty, etc., are addressed. (YR).

### **GEOG 301 Cultural Geography 4 Credit Hours**

This course is an overview of the major components of culture such as language, religion, agriculture, settlement patterns, and related landscape features in a spatial context. This course explores the idea of culture. Culture is not an intrinsic value that binds to people based on their physical features or the place in which they were born. Culture is a culmination of activities and practices that are celebrated, contested, and transform over time and place. Focus of the course emphasizes how various cultures perceive and interact with the environment. (F).

### **GEOG 302 Mapping Our World 4 Credit Hours**

Mapping our World provides an introduction to the important role geographic data analysis can play in helping solve today's pressing problems. Students learn about Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and their applications, particularly in the natural and social sciences as well as humanities. Sample topics of inquiry may include public health, population patterns, spatial inequities, and environmental vulnerabilities. (F, YR).

### **GEOG 303 Weather and Climate 4 Credit Hours**

This course will provide an understanding of the nature of atmospheric processes. The controls and conditions of Earth's weather and climate are discussed. The impact of weather on our daily lives is examined. Areas of emphasis include severe weather and climatic change. (F).

### **GEOG 305 Intro to GIS 4 Credit Hours**

An introductory course that examines the digital representation, manipulation, and analysis of geographic data, with the emphasis on the analytical capabilities that GIS brings solutions to geographic problems. Students will explore and learn GIS principles using ESRI's mapping software, as well as complete a major GIS project.

**Corequisite(s):** GEOG 305L

### **GEOG 306 World Regional Geography 4 Credit Hours**

World Regional Geography includes a systematic study of the world's geographic realms and regions, including Europe, Russia, Australia-New Zealand, East Asia, South Asia, Southwest Asia, North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle and South America. Geographic concepts, such as map reading and spatial analysis, are first introduced. Then, the world is classified into geographic realms and regions using both physical and social criteria. Each region results from a unique interaction between the human societies and the physical environment. The physical, cultural, political, economic, and social features of each region are studied, along with any special regional concerns or problems. (W).

### **GEOG 320 Global Climate Change 4 Credit Hours**

This course explores concepts and current thinking on global climate change and environmental impacts. It covers the history of Earth's climate, causes of climate change and current research attempting to forecast change. The biotic, economic, and social implications of climate change are discussed. (F).

**Restriction(s):**

Cannot enroll if Class is

### **GEOG 325 Global Cities 3 Credit Hours**

The course focuses on comparing the urban form, economies, and social life in cities around the world. The societies of the westernized, developed world are already highly urbanized. Cities outside of this sphere are generally growing much faster and experiencing greater social and economic upheaval as a result. Understanding non-North American urbanization is a vital part of understanding cities in general. (F)

### **GEOG 390 Topics in Geography 1 to 4 Credit Hours**

Selected topics to be announced. (OC).

### **GEOG 399 Independent Study 1 to 4 Credit Hours**

Readings or analytical assignments in accordance with the needs and interests of those enrolled and agreed upon by the student and the advising instructor.

\*An asterisk denotes that a course may be taken concurrently.

### Frequency of Offering

The following abbreviations are used to denote the frequency of offering: (F) fall term; (W) winter term; (S) summer term; (F, W) fall and winter terms; (YR) once a year; (AY) alternating years; (OC) offered occasionally