



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding “critical courses” for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (15-17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			PR/CC		
Semester Two (15-16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3-4			CC-ARP		
	Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
	History ⁵	3			CR		
Semester Three (16-17 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG 201 Landform Geography or GEOG 202 Weather and Climate	4	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Foreign language ³ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
Semester Four (15 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG 210 Peoples, Places, and Environments	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Social Science	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC		
Semester Five (15 Credit Hours)							
	Regional Geography	3	C		MR		
	GEOG Elective ⁷ (200-level or above)	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Humanities or Fine Arts	3			CR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	Geographic Techniques	3	C		MR		
	GEOG Elective ⁷ (200-level or above)	3	C		MR		
	GEOG Elective ⁷ (200-level or above)	3	C		MR		
	Cognate or Minor Course ⁶	3	C		PR		
	Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Approved Elective ⁸	3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (15 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG 495 Seminar in Geography (<i>offered fall only</i>)	3	C		MR/CC-INT	At least 15 hrs. GEOG credit	
	GEOG Elective ⁷ (200-level or above)	3	C		MR		
	Minor Course ⁶ or Approved Elective ⁸	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		
Semester Eight (12 Credit Hours)							
	GEOG Elective ⁷ (200-level or above)	3	C		MR		
	GEOG Elective ⁷ (200-level or above)	3	C		MR		
	Minor Course ⁶ or Approved Elective ⁸	3	C (<i>minor</i>)		PR		
	Approved Elective ⁸	3			PR		

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Overall GPA
120	34	42-54	32-44	2.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding Foreign language placement score.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- The cognate is intended to support the course work in the major. The cognate must consist of twelve hours of courses at the advanced level, outside of, but related to the major. In place of a cognate, a student may choose a minor consisting of at least 18 credit hours of courses concentrated in one area that follow a structured sequence. A second major eliminates the minor/cognate requirement.
- Geography Electives (18 credit hours) – *At least 2 courses from the major must be from the 500-level.*
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as “critical” must be completed in the student’s first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation.
- Any exceptions or additional options in the Geography major may be made with the consultation and approval of the departmental advisor.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor’s degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:	
CC	Carolina Core
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences
CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CR	College Requirement
MR	Major Requirement
PR	Program Requirement

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.