

# GEOGRAPHY & GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE: GENERAL GEOGRAPHY, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, General Geography Concentration

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS Student Affairs Office by the beginning of the fifth semester (60-75 hours).

**Departmental distinction:** Students majoring in Geography and Geographic Information Science can earn distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction upon graduation. The requirements for these awards are:

- For distinction: 3.3 GPA overall; 3.3 GPA in GIS courses.
- For high distinction: 3.3 GPA overall; 3.75 GPA in GIS courses.
- For highest distinction: 3.3 GPA overall; 3.75 GPA in GIS courses; satisfactorily complete an
- independent project (GEOG 391).

Students should consult their advisors regarding distinction requirements as soon as they enter the major (no later than the end of their junior year).

**General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement. Minimum required major and supporting course work: A minimum of 35 credit hours of Geography and Geographic Information Science courses. Twelve (12) hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.**

## Geography & GIS Core Requirements

| Code                         | Title                            | Hours        |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Core Hours</b>      |                                  | <b>10-12</b> |
| Select one of the following: |                                  | 3-4          |
| GGIS/ATMS 100                | Introduction to Meteorology      |              |
| GGIS 103                     | Earth's Physical Systems         |              |
| GGIS 222                     | Big Rivers of the World          |              |
| Select one of the following: |                                  | 3-4          |
| GGIS 101                     | Global Development & Environment |              |
| GGIS 104                     | Social and Cultural Geography    |              |
| GGIS 105                     |                                  |              |
| GGIS 106                     | Geographies of Globalization     |              |
| GGIS 210                     | Social & Environmental Issues    |              |
| GGIS 221                     | Geographies of Global Conflict   |              |
| Choose one of the following: |                                  | 4            |
| GGIS 371                     | Spatial Analysis                 |              |

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| GGIS 379   | Introduction to Geographic Information Systems |            |
| Total Hours General Geography Concentration Requirements |  | 25-27      |
| <b>Total Hours Required for Graduation</b>               |  | <b>120</b> |

## General Geography Concentration Requirements

| Code  | Title | Hours      |
|---|-------|------------|
| 200- to 400- level Geography & GIS courses, at least 6 hours of which must be at the 300- or 400- level ( <a href="http://catalog.illinois.edu/courses-of-instruction/ggis/">http://catalog.illinois.edu/courses-of-instruction/ggis/</a> ) |       | 25-27      |
| <b>Total Hours required for graduation</b>  |       | <b>120</b> |

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## Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

| First Year                                     |       |   |           |
|--|-------|---|-----------|
| First Semester                                 | Hours | Second Semester                             | Hours     |
| Free elective course                           |       | 1 Geography & GIS core course               | 4         |
| GGIS 100 (or ATMS 100 or GGIS 103 or GGIS 222) |       | 4 Free elective course                      | 4         |
| Language Other than English (3rd level)        |       | 4 Language Other than English (4th level)   | 4         |
| Composition I or General Education course      |       | 3 General Education course or Composition 1 | 3         |
| Free elective course                           |       | 3   |           |
|  |       | <b>15</b>                                   | <b>15</b> |

| Second Year            |       |  |       |
|------------------------|-------|--|-------|
| First Semester         | Hours | Second Semester  | Hours |
| GGIS 371 (or GGIS 379) |       | 4 200-400 level General Geography concentration course | 3     |

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|--|---|--|-----------|
| 200-400 level General Geography concentration course | 3 | 200-400 level General Geography Concentration course | 4         |
| General Education course                             | 3 | General Education course                             | 3         |
| General Education course                             | 3 | General Education course                             | 3         |
| Free elective course                                 | 3 |  |           |
|  |   | <b>16</b>  | <b>13</b> |

**Third Year**

| First Semester                                       | Hours | Second Semester                                      | Hours     |
|--|-------|--|-----------|
| 200-400 level General Geography Concentration course |       | 200-400 level General Geography Concentration course | 3         |
| 200-400 level General Geography Concentration course |       | 3 General Education course                           | 3         |
| General Education course                             |       | 3 General Education course                           | 3         |
| General Education course                             |       | 3 Free elective course                               | 3         |
| Free elective course                                 |       | 3 Free elective course                               | 4         |
|  |       | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b> |

**Fourth Year**

| First Semester   | Hours | Second Semester                                      | Hours     |
|--|-------|--|-----------|
| 300 - 400-level General Geography Concentration course |       | 300-400 level General Geography Concentration course | 3         |
| General Education Course                               |       | 3 Free elective course                               | 3         |
| General Education Course                               |       | 3 Free elective course                               | 3         |
| Free elective course                                   |       | 3 Free elective course                               | 3         |
| Free elective course                                   |       | 3 Free elective course                               | 3         |
|  |       | <b>15</b>  | <b>15</b> |

**Total Hours 120**

Undergraduate Degree Programs in Geography & Geographic Information Science

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- Major in Computer Science & Geography & GIS, BSLAS ([http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/eng\\_las/computer-science-geography-geographic-information-science-bslas/](http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/eng_las/computer-science-geography-geographic-information-science-bslas/))

- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, Geographic Information Science Concentration, BSLAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/geography-geographic-information-science-bslas/geographic-information-science/>)
- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, Physical Geography Concentration, BSLAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/geography-geographic-information-science-bslas/physical-geography/>)

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- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, General Geography Concentration, BALAS (p. 1)
- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, Human Geography Concentration, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/geography-geographic-information-science-balas/human-geography/>)

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Geography Department website (<https://www.ggis.illinois.edu/>)  
 Geography & GIS Faculty (<https://ggis.illinois.edu/directory/faculty/>)  
 Geography & GIS advising (<https://ggis.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/advising/>)

Overview of LAS admissions & requirements (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)  
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)