

GEOGRAPHY

Associate of Art/Associate of Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Geography emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Students can pursue careers in many fields, including land use planning, computer mapping, social science research, and teaching. Geography majors with advanced higher education can teach at the college level. A few examples of career and salary estimates are listed below.

Career	Entry Level	Median	Experienced
Urban and Regional Planners	\$37,248	\$51,952	\$64,187
Social Scientist	\$39,554	\$57,899	\$71,622
Cartographer	\$37,407	\$47,775	\$59,105
GIS Technologist	\$38,440	\$65,289	\$80,218
Geography Teacher (secondary)	\$38,343	\$47,778	\$54,701
Geography Teacher (postsecondary)	\$30,174	\$61,162	\$73,396

Career and salary information taken from www.bls.gov and jobs4tn.gov. Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Geography (A.A., A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement

ENGL 1010, 1020
SPCH 1010 or SPCH 1030

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)

HIST 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020, 2030

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)

ART 1030
ARTH 2010, 2020
ENGL 2015, 2440
HUM 1130, 1131
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033
THEA 1030
Literature Options: ENGL 2130, 2230, 2310, 2320, 2920

Natural Sciences Requirement

GEOG 1010, 1020

Mathematics Requirement

MATH 1130

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)

ANTH 1200, 1300
COMM 1010
ECON 2010, 2020
PHED 2120
POL 201
POLS 1030, 1501, 2010
PSYC 1030, 2130
SOC 1010, 1020, 2010

Major Required Courses

COLS 101
GEOG 1030, 2010
MATH 1530
Electives*

*Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- cumulative GPA must be 2.0.
- taking the Exit Exam.

Sample Academic Plan

Sample Schedule

First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
___ History Requirement		3
___ MATH 1530	Probability and Statistics	3
___ Social/Behavioral Sciences		3
___ GEOG 1030	Cultural Geography	3
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	Composition II	3
___ SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication or	
___ SPCH 1030	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ GEOG 2010	World Regional Geography	3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

___ Literature Requirement		3
___ MATH 1130	College Algebra	3
___ GEOG 1010	Physical Geography: The Atmosphere	4
___ Electives*		4
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Second Year – Spring Semester

___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ GEOG 1020	Physical Geography: Landforms	4
___ Social/Behavioral Sciences		3
___ Electives*		5
		15

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60

*If pursuing the A.A. degree, 6 of the 10 elective hours must be one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities include demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to attain intermediate-level competency in foreign language before transferring. Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring.

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