

Major Fact Sheet

Geography & Geographic Information Systems (GIS) BA

What will I be studying?

Geography is the study of earth's physical and human systems from a spatial perspective using technology like GIS and remote sensing. Geographers map, analyze, and visualize spatial data to make predictions and solve problems associated with a variety of issues such as waste management, poverty reduction, food systems, and urban development. The major offers three concentrations in GIS, Geography, and Society & Environment.

Career Ideas!

Urban Planner

(Foster Sustainable Development, Design the Future of Transportation)

(Indoor/Outdoor, Interactive, Political)

- Hillsborough County Government
- Department of Transportation

Geographer

(Manage the Planet's Waste, Protect Biodiversity and Landscape, End Extreme Poverty)

(Data Analysis, Political, Interactive)

- Research Institution
- US Department of Agriculture

Park Manager

(Protect Biodiversity and Landscape) (Outdoors/Indoors, Active, Field Work)

- Florida Forest Services
- Department of Environmental Protection
- National Park Services



Student Environmental Association

Tampa Bay Association of Environmental Professionals

Florida Water Environment Association

GIS Club

American Water Works Association

Geology Club

USF Botanical Gardens

Get Involved!

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Example Four Year Plan

	- Year 1	
Fall	Spring	Summer
ENC 1101 Composition I (3)	ENC 1102 Composition II (3)	SGEH - Core Humanities (3)
GEO 2200 Intro to Physical Geography (3)	SGES - Core Social Science (3)	
6AMT - State Computation Requirement (3)	SGEN - Core Natural Science (3)	
Civics Literacy (3)	General Elective (3)	
Total Hours: 12	Total Hours: 12	Total Hours: 3
	Year 2	
Fall	Spring	Summer
GEO 2400 Human Geography (3)	TGEC – Creative Thinking (3)	General Elective (3)
SGEM - Core Math (3)**	GIS 3006 – Mapping and Geovisualization (3)	General Elective (3)
Foreign Language Exit I (4)	Foreign Language Exit II (4)	
General Elective (3)	General Elective (3)	
Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 13	Total Hours: 6
	Year 3	
Fall	Spring	Summer
GIS 4043C Geographic Info Systems (3)	GEO 4340 Natural Hazards (3)	Upper-Level Elective (3)
Concentration Core (3)	GEO 4933 Geography Colloquium (1)	Upper-Level Elective (3)
Upper-Level Elective (3)	Concentration Core (3)	
Upper-Level Elective (3)	Concentration Core or Elective (3)	
General Elective (3)	General Elective (3)	
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 13 Year 4	Total Hours: 6
Fall	Spring	Total Credits to Graduation
Concentration Elective (3)	EVR 4940 ESP Internship (3)	Major Requirements: 37 credit hours
Concentration Elective (3)	TGEE – Ethical Reasoning & Civic Engage. (3)	
Upper-Level Elective (3)	TGEH – High Impact Practice (3)	General Education Requirements: 36 credit hours
Upper-Level Elective (3)	Upper-Level Elective (3)	
Upper-Level Elective (3)		Other Degree Requirements: 47 credit hours
Total Hours: 15	Total Hours: 12	Total= 120

**May require completion of additional math pre-requisites (consider the MPT or CPT exams)