

UNDERGRADUATE

## Geography

College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Geography and  
Geographic Information Sciences

SIUE



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### Geography at SIUE

Students who are curious about the world around them, interested in the environment, sustainability, culture and technology should consider majoring in geography at SIUE.

Geography is more than learning to read maps and memorize state capitals. Virtually any topic can be studied from a spatial perspective. We offer a variety of courses in:

- Human, physical and regional geography
- Geospatial techniques

Our faculty conduct research on a wide variety of topics at the local, regional and global scale.

### Degrees Available at SIUE

- Bachelor of Arts, Geography
- Bachelor of Science, Geography
- Professional Educator Licensure (9-12) program

### What can I do with a degree in geography?

**We offer the only geography program in the St. Louis metropolitan area and as such, our graduates are in demand for positions in the region's growing geospatial workforce.**

Employers include:

- Federal and state government agencies
- National security contractors
- Tech companies
- Engineering firms
- Utility companies
- Local and regional governments
- Agricultural companies
- Environmental nonprofit organizations

Graduates work as:

- Geospatial analysts
- Cartographers
- Imagery analysts
- Urban planners
- Retail location analysts
- Climate scientists
- Resource managers
- Sustainability consultants
- Park rangers

### Hands-on Learning

Geography students have the opportunity to work closely with our diverse faculty members who specialize in human geography, physical geography, and geographic techniques such as cartography, GIS, and remote sensing. These research projects impact the local community and beyond.

Students are also encouraged to gain professional experience through internship opportunities.

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## Sample Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in Geography

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Year 1	ENG 101 English Composition I	3	<b>GEOG 201</b> World Regions (BSS, EGC)	3
	<b>ESCI 111</b> Intro to Physical Geology & Geography (BPS, EL) (recommended)	3	ENG 102 English Composition II	3
	Foreign Language 101 (BICS)	4	Foreign Language 102	4
	ACS 101 Public Speaking	3	MATH 120, 125 or 150 (BPS)	3
	Breadth Fine & Performing Arts (BFPA)	3	QR 101, MATH 150 or Higher	3
	FST 101 Succeeding & Engaging at SIUE	1	Total Credits	16
	Total Credits	17		
Year 2	<b>GEOG 210</b> Physical Geography (BPS)	3	Human Geography Requirement	3
	<b>GEOG 205</b> Human Geography (BSS, EL)	3	GEOG 321 Quantitative Techniques (BICS, EL)	3
	RA 101 or PHIL 212	3	Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities	3
	Breadth Humanities (BHUM)	3	Minor or AOS	3
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	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15
Year 3	GEOG 320 Cartography	3	Physical Geography Requirement	3
	Human Geography Requirement	3	Interdisciplinary Studies (IS)	3
	Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities	3	Minor or AOS	3
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	Experience United States Cultures (EUSC)	3	Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities	3
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	15
Year 4	Physical Geography Requirement	3	Geography Techniques Requirement	3
	GEOG 499 Senior Assignment	3	Regional Geography Requirement	3
	Breadth Life Science (BLS)	3	Elective	3
	Fine & Performing Arts or Humanities	3	Elective	3
	Health Experience (EH)	2	Elective	2
	Total Credits	14	Total Credits	14
			<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

**Transfer Students:** To maximize your transfer experience, complete the bolded courses/requirements pre-transfer and satisfy the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Ed Core or receive an AA, AS, or AAT (early childhood, special ed or math) degree from an IAI community college. If 'Minor' requirements are shown, discuss careful course selection with the academic advising contact listed. Visit [siue.edu/transfer](http://siue.edu/transfer) to find course equivalency guides.

### Global Experience

A major in geography exposes students to international issues and perspectives. In addition to regional courses in Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America, geography majors study issues of global concern, including climate change, economic development and international migration.

Students are encouraged to pursue study abroad and internship experiences to help broaden their understanding of the world. These experiences can be incorporated into their degree program.

### Admission Requirements

To declare a major in geography, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete all academic development courses required by the University
- Complete any required courses to address high school deficiencies
- Achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in courses completed at SIUE

### Graduation Requirements

- Complete all specific program requirements
  - A minimum grade of C is required in courses completed for the major
- Complete all University requirements including:
  - All general education requirements
  - A minimum of 120 credit hours
  - At least 30 of which must be completed at SIUE
  - At least 60 of which must be completed at a regionally accredited four-year institution
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Bachelor of Arts only: A two-semester sequence of the same foreign language
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate

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