

GEOGRAPHY - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)*

Explore More About This Program: <https://cwi.edu/program/geography>

- **Program Code:** GEOG.AA
- **Program Type:** Academic Transfer
- **Available Fully Online:** Yes
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

NOTE: Courses required for this program *may* have an additional fee; more information can be found on the [Special Course Fees](#) web page.

Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Social Sciences and Public Affairs
- **Department:** Culture, History, and Politics

Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
General Education Requirements		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
GEOG 200	World Regional Geography (Global Perspectives)	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
MATH 153	Statistical Reasoning (GEM 3)	3
GEOG 100	Physical Geography (GEM 4)	3
GEOG 100L	Physical Geography Lab (GEM 4)	1
Select one of the following options (GEM 4):		4
Option 1:		
ENVI 100	Environmental Science	
ENVI 100L	Environmental Science Lab	
Option 2:		
GEOL 101	Physical Geology	
GEOL 101L	Physical Geology Lab	
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy (GEM 5) ¹	3
or PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics	
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic & Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u> ²		3
GEOG 102	Cultural Geography (GEM 6)	3
<u>GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u> ²		3
Major Requirements		
GEOG 270	Global Climate Change	3
GIS 126	Fundamentals of GIS	3
Electives	Select 16 elective credits to bring the total credits earned to 60 ³	16
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ PHIL 101 or PHIL 103 will fulfill the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

² Course must come from a different discipline.

³ Students who plan to transfer should select elective courses based on the needs of their transfer institution. Refer to the Plan of Study tab for a list of recommended electives.

**All requirements for this degree or certificate may be completed fully online.*

Degree Plan

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Plans may be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters. Consult your advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
GEOG 100	Physical Geography (GEM 4)	3
GEOG 100L	Physical Geography Lab (GEM 4)	1
GIS 126	Fundamentals of GIS	3
Elective 1	See list of recommended elective courses below	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring

COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
Select one of the following options (GEM 4):		4
Option 1:		
ENVI 100	Environmental Science	
ENVI 100L	Environmental Science Lab	
Option 2:		
GEOL 101	Physical Geology	
GEOL 101L	Physical Geology Lab	
GEOG 102	Cultural Geography (GEM 6)	3
MATH 153	Statistical Reasoning (GEM 3) ¹	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
GEOG 200	World Regional Geography (Global Perspectives)	3
GEOG 270	Global Climate Change	3
PHIL 101 or PHIL 103	Introduction to Philosophy (GEM 5) ² or Introduction to Ethics	3
GEM 6 - Social & Behavioral Ways of Knowing course ³		3
Elective 2	See list of recommended elective courses below	3
Total Semester Credit Hours		15
Spring		
HIST 103 or HIST 104	Western Civilization I (Recommended GEM 5) ^{3,4} or Western Civilization II	3
Elective 3	See list of recommended elective courses below	3
Elective 4	See list of recommended elective courses below	3
Elective 5	See list of recommended elective courses below	3-4
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

¹ Geography majors are encouraged to take the Math Diagnostic for math placement upon acceptance to CWI if they did not submit ACT or SAT scores for math placement. The Math Diagnostic will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 097 is needed prior to enrolling in MATH 153.

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³ Course must come from a different discipline.

⁴ This general education (GE) course is recommended by the department as the most beneficial GE option for students in this program. **Please note that students may fulfill their GE requirement by completing another course from within the applicable general education category.**

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

Students seeking to graduate with an Academic Certificate in Geographic Information Systems in addition to their Geography AA must complete all of the following courses as electives:

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
GIS 120	Web GIS	3
GIS 126	Fundamentals of GIS ¹	3

GIS 225	Cartography	4
GIS 226	Spatial Analysis With GIS	3
GIS 230	Remote Sensing/GIS Integration	3
Minimum Credit Hours Required		16

- ¹ GIS 126 Fundamentals of GIS is required as part of the Geography degree. The additional four courses (13 credits) must be successfully completed in order to earn an Academic Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). For a Plan of Study Guide that incorporates the requirements of both a GIS Academic Certificate and Geography AA, refer to the "Related Degree: Plan of Study" tab of the [GIS Certificate](#) catalog page.

Students seeking to transfer to the University of Idaho should select the following electives:

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
ENGL 202	Technical Communication	3
MATH 143	Precalculus I: Algebra	3
Select any elective		3
Select any elective		2-3
Minimum Credit Hours Required		11-12

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Identify and classify human characteristics, human activities and processes, and interpret their spatial distribution on the Earth's surface including composition of environment, population, cultural complexes, economic interdependence, and settlement and political patterns.
- Classify, explain, and analyze the spatial distribution of physical processes such as solar energy, oceanic circulation, plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes, and weather and climate.
- Apply and demonstrate skills using geospatial technology.
- Demonstrate analytical processes using geographic inquiry and spatial thinking skills.