

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Geography and urban planning share a common concern for the spatial configuration of the places we inhabit and enjoy. In recognition of this close association, there is currently an articulation agreement between the Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences and the College of Architecture and Planning that provides students with a mechanism for acceleration through the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) degree program. Students completing the requirements for an undergraduate planning minor may also be eligible to pursue an accelerated MURP degree. Interested students should work closely with the option advisor in selecting coursework. (Please see the Graduate Catalog for more information on this graduate program).

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) supports students to graduation using a shared advising system. CLAS students have two academic advisors with whom they should meet regularly to discuss academic and degree progress: a CLAS Academic Advisor and a major advisor.

For questions related to CU Denver Core Curriculum, CLAS, general graduation requirements, university/college academic policies, or campus resources contact:

CLAS Academic Advising

clas.advising@ucdenver.edu

Visit the CLAS Advising website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 1030

303-315-7100

For questions related to major requirements, major course prerequisites, or evaluation of transfer coursework in your major contact:

Geography Major Advising

[CLAS Major Advisor Contact Information](#)

Visit the program website [here](#)

North Classroom (NC) 3016

303-315-7525

GENERAL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

All CU Denver CLAS students are required to complete the following minimum general graduation requirements to be eligible to apply for graduation:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Achieve a minimum 2.0 CU cumulative grade point average (GPA)
3. Complete a minimum of 30 upper-division (3000- to 4000-level) credit hours
4. Complete all CU Denver Core, CLAS, and major requirements
5. Complete a minimum of 30 CLAS credit hours with letter grades at CU Denver

*The following are **maximum** credit hours that can apply toward the minimum 120 hours required for graduation:*

- 16 credit hours Pass/Fail
- 12 credit hours of Independent Study/Directed Research
- 12 credit hours of internship credit
- 8 credit hours of physical education credit

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS & POLICIES

Students are responsible for meeting with the major advisor to confirm major requirements. In addition to completing all CU Denver Core and CLAS requirements, students completing the Geography Urban Studies and Planning B.A. Degree are required to complete the following minimum program requirements:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 39 credit hours from GEOG, GEOL and ENVS courses.
2. Students must complete a minimum of 24 upper division (3000-level and above) credit hours from GEOG, GEOL and ENVS courses.
3. Students must earn a minimum grade of C- (1.7) in all courses that apply to the major and must achieve a minimum cumulative major GPA of 2.0. Courses taken using P+/P/F or S/U grading cannot apply to program requirements.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 15 GEOG, GEOL or ENVS credit hours with CU Denver faculty.
5. Only three credits of Travel Study may be counted toward graduation requirements.
6. Undergraduate students may count up to 6 credit hours of independent study or internship (any combination of GEOG 3840 Independent Study, GEOG 4840 independent Study, GEOG 4880 Directed Research, or GEOG 3939 Internship) towards elective credit in the major as approved by the undergraduate coordinator. Students may not receive more than three credit hours per independent study section. No more than three credit hours of independent study may be taken with the same instructor or in the same term.
7. This option has an articulation agreement with the Masters in Urban and Regional Planning. If interested, students should check with the option advisor early in the program.
8. GEOG 3939 Internship: Community/Professional Experience is optional but highly recommended.

LYNXCONNECT RESOURCES

Are you interested in learning about internship, study abroad, career, and research opportunities for this major? Visit the CU Denver LynxConnect, located in Tivoli Student Union (TV) Suite 339, and browse the LynxConnect [website](#) for more information.



Degree Requirements	Credits	Notes
* Course prerequisites change regularly. Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the class schedule in the student portal for prerequisite information. *		
CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements	34 - 40	CU Denver Core Curriculum Requirements
CLAS Graduation Requirements		CLAS Graduation Requirements
GEOG Major Requirements	39	24 credit hours must be upper-division
GEOG Required Courses		
GEOG 1202 Introduction to Physical Geography or ENVS 1044 & 1045 Introduction to Environmental Sciences with Lab	3 - 4	Course can count toward CU Denver Core Natural/Physical Sciences (depending on whether lab or non-lab is completed)
GEOG 1102 World Regions Global Context or GEOG 1302 Introduction to Human Geography	3	GEOG 1102 can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
GEOG 1602 Urban Studies and Planning	3	GEOG 1602 can fulfill CU Denver Core Social Science
GEOG 2080 The Power of Maps: Introduction to Geospatial Sciences	3	
GEOG/ENVS 3232 Weather and Climate	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in GEOG 1202 or ENVS 1042 or ENVS 1044 and 1045
GEOG 3412 Globalization and Regional Development	3	Course can fulfill CU Denver Core International Perspectives
GEOG 4640 Urban Geography	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in GEOG 1602
GEOG 4680 Urban Sustainability and Resiliency: Perspectives and Practice	3	*Prerequisite: C- or higher in ENVS 1342 or GEOG 1602
Complete four GEOG/URPL Urban Studies and Planning Electives	12	See department for courses. Check individual courses for prerequisites.
Complete one Techniques for Urban Analysis Course	3	See department for courses. GEOG 4080 Introduction to GIS is strongly recommended. Check individual courses for prerequisites.
Estimated General Electives	41 - 47	General Elective credit hours will vary. Students are highly encouraged to explore and complete additional programs including certificates, minors, double-majors, and dual-degrees. Consult with CLAS Academic Advisor.
Total Minimum Credit Hours:	120	30 credit hours must be upper-division

SAMPLE ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY

The following academic plan is a *suggested* pathway to completing degree requirements for this major. Academic advisors recommend students tailor this plan based on previously completed college coursework (e.g., AP, IB, CLEP, dual/concurrent enrollment, and transfer credit) and individual preferences related to course load, schedules, or add-on programs such as certificates, minors, double-majors, or dual-degrees.

Year 1 - Fall	CRS
ENGL 1020 – Core Composition I	3
CU Denver Core Mathematics – MATH 2830 <i>recommended</i>	3
GEOG 1202 ^C or ENVS 1044 & 1045 ^C	3-4
CU Denver Core Arts	3
General Elective / First-Year Seminar	3
Total Credit Hours	15-16

Year 1 - Spring	CRS
ENGL 2030 – Core Composition II	3
CU Denver Core Humanities	3
GEOG 1102 ^C or 1302 ^C	3
CU Denver Core Nat/Phys Science with lab	4
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	16

Year 2 - Fall	CRS
GEOG 1602 ^C	3
GEOG 2080	3
CU Denver Core Behavioral Science	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 2 - Spring	CRS
GEOG/ENVS 3232 ^{PE}	3
CU Denver Core Cultural Diversity	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Fall	CRS
GEOG 3412	3
GEOG 4680 ^{PE}	3
CU Denver Core International Perspectives ^M	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 3 - Spring	CRS
GEOG 4640 ^{PE}	3
GEOG Urban Planning Course	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	2
Total Credit Hours	14

Year 4 - Fall	CRS
GEOG Urban Planning Course	3
GEOG Techniques for Urban Analysis Course	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

Year 4 - Spring	CRS
GEOG Urban Planning Course	3
GEOG Urban Planning Course	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
General Elective	3
Total Credit Hours	15

^M Major Course Available ^C CU Denver Core Course ^{PE} Prerequisite Enforced ^{PR} Prerequisite Recommended