

P13954 Geography, B.A. (Major)

Drop

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Submitting as: Administrator or Staff (non-APA)

Request for a: Program Level Undergraduate

Type of Request: Drop Existing

Type of program Major

Deans that should review this request
 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
 Is this curricular change driven by assessment data you have collected?
 No

Summary/Rationale for proposal

X Curriculum Committee Faculty Senate

The queue for this request is:

Dean (LAS) Provost

At a time of shrinking enrollments and changing student demographics, the Article 15 Task Force reviewed current offerings with respect to their current and future role at the university. FSEC and WOUFT had the opportunity to comment on the program elimination proposal. This major is being phased out because of low enrollments.

Geography		Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019
	Majors	21	24	15	19	17	17	20	13	9	7
	[/] Minors	16	17	16	17	15	15	10	15	8	4
	Planning Minor	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0

The final Article 15 Plan can be seen here: https://wou.edu/provost/article-15-final-plan-february-24-2021/

The Article 15 Task Force utilized qualitative and quantitative criteria to reach its recommendations and conclusions. The work considered the original reports from the deans, the recommendations from WOUFT (Article 15 Appendix C), the recommendations from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (Article 15 Appendix D), PowerPoint for panel discussion (Article 15 Appendix E), feedback from three faculty panel discussions (Article 15 Appendix F), the report from the faculty Sustainability Task Force (Appendix G), Article 15 of the CBA (Article 15 Appendix H), WOUFT November 23, 2020 Response (Article 15 Appendix I), FSEC Response November 23, 2020 (Article 15 Appendix J), WOUFT February 5, 2021 Response (Article 15 Appendix K), and FSEC Response February 5, 2021 (Article 15 Appendix L).

Program or Requirement Title Geography, B.A. Description

Core Courses

Foundations

- GEOG 105 Nature & Society (4 credits)
- GEOG 106 Sustainable World (4 credits)
- GEOG 107 People, Space and Place (4 credits)

Geographic Thought and Practice

• GEOG 495 Seminar in Geography and Sustainability (4 credits)

Choose Two

- ES 340 Principles of Cartography (4 credits)
- or GEOG 340 Cartography (4 credits)
- ES 341 Geographic Information Systems I (4 credits)
- or GEOG 341 Geographic Information Systems (4 credits)
- GEOG 240 Map & Air Photo Interpretation (4 credits)
- GEOG 321 Field Geography (4 credits)
- GEOG 384 Qualitative Research Methods (4 credits)
- GEOG 385 Quantitative Methods in Geography (4 credits)
- GEOG 386 Making Digital Video for the Social Sciences (4 credits)

People, Space and Place

Choose Two

- GEOG 327 Popular Culture in Global Perspective (4 credits)
- GEOG 330 Geography and Social Justice (4 credits)
- GEOG 370 Human Migration (4 credits)
- GEOG 371 Mexico and Central America (4 credits)
- GEOG 410 Global Issues (4 credits)
- GEOG 411 Cultural Geography (4 credits)

Human-Environment Relations

Choose Two

- GEOG 331 Environmental Justice (4 credits)
- GEOG 380 Environmental Conservation (4 credits)
- GEOG 390 Global Climate Change (4 credits)
- GEOG 391 Biogeography (4 credits)
- GEOG 425 Urban Planning and Policy (4 credits)
- GEOG 470 Energy, Environment and Society (4 credits)
- GEOG 480 Nature in the American West (4 credits)

Capstone

• GEOG 499 Capstone Experience (4 credits)

Electives in Geography Credits: 20

• Take any additional twenty (20) credits in Geography (GEOG). Consult with your advisor regarding scheduling and selection of courses that align with your needs and interests.

Intellectual and Experiential Breadth Credits: 6-8

- Complement your program of study in Geography with one (1) of the following:
 - Language Study Credits: 6-8 (in a second or additional language)
 - Tools and Methods Credits: 6-8 (consult with you advisor regarding selection of appropriate courses)
 - Non-geography Electives Credits: 6-8 (consult with your advisor regarding selection of appropriate courses)
 - International Experience Credits: 6-8 (consult with you advisor regarding possible programs, including study abroad, international internships or field schools, and credit options)
 - Special Individual and Applied Studies Credits: 6-8 (consult with your advisor regarding details and credit options, which
 may include practica, internships or independent research)

Total Credits: 70-72

Catalog ID:

Programs affected/consulted

No other program requires this major.

Supporting Documents

Thumbnail Name Size Actions

Related Courses:

No related courses found

Curriculum Committee Decision:

X No by Laurie Burton (2021-03-18 09:29:24)

Comments: On 3.1621 the Curriculum Committee voted no for this proposal. See CC 03.16.21 5.10.1_5.10.9.pdf https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SFHqm_WvIUYEHb-jTyRRrDG-JXRn0tj5/view?usp=sharing This is item 5.10.6 in the referenced materials.

Senate Decision: Pending:

Sent to Leigh Graziano (grazianol@wou.edu), on: 2021-03-18 09:29:24 LAS Dean Decision: Pending: Kathy Cassity (cassityk@wou.edu), Provost/VPAA Decision: Pending: Rob Winningham (winninr@wou.edu),

Entered into appropriate systems by registrar's office: Pending: Amy Clark (clarkaj@wou.edu),

Entered into catalog: Pending: Susan Hays (hayss@wou.edu),