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**B.A. in Geography / GIS Concentration Option**

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**Advising Notes**

- The following overview is an example of what 8 semesters might look like for an incoming First-Year student. If you declare your major later or are a transfer student, your Geography (GIS) program will likely follow a considerably different sequence. Requirements are subject to change and may vary based on bulletin year, placement tests, AP/CLEP credit, transfer work, summer school, etc. The official degree requirements are found in the University Bulletin and all students pursuing a major in Geography (GIS) should refer to their Degree Works audit for their specific graduation requirements.
- Geography has become more sought after by employers particularly for those with knowledge of GIS.
- All B.A. in Geography majors must choose a concentration option: Geography or Geographic Info System
- All B.A. in Geography majors must declare a minor or a second major.
- Only grades of C- or better in subjects required in the major and minor will count toward the total semester hour credit needed for completion of that specialization unless approved in writing by the chairperson of the major or minor department and the Dean who is the administrator of the major or minor department.
- A handful of Geography Major courses fulfill (“overlap”) more than 1 requirement such as GEOG 001 or 002/(BH) Behavioral Social Science and GEOG 002/(BH) Behavioral Social Science, plus a mix of additional options if selected such as GS 002/(CC) Cross-Cultural, GEOL 001 or 005/(NS) Natural Science, and CSC 015/(CS) Computer Science which fosters an ability to pursue additional areas of study (such as a double major, triple major and/or 1 or more minors).
- Up to 6 credits of Distribution “Core” Requirements may be taken during Study Abroad.
- Our “European Odyssey,” provides our majors/minors with the opportunity to earn a full semester of credits while travelling through Europe. The European Odyssey, projected to run again in 2021, offers 15 semester credit hours of GS/GEOG course work while studying abroad.
- With proactive faculty and CUA advisement, we are willing to help our students tailor a program of study that’s right for them and help them shape rewarding post-Hofstra careers in our increasingly global future.
- We have a thriving student club, and a campus chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the international geographical honor society.

**For more information about all our programs and offerings see our website: [www.hofstra.edu/geography](http://www.hofstra.edu/geography)**

# B.A. in Geography / Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Concentration Option 8-Semester Guide

## First Year

Fall	Typical Course & Notes	Credits
Writing Proficiency Requirement	WSC 001: Must be completed with a minimum grade of C-	3
Major Coursework in (GEOG) Geography	GEOG 60	3
Foreign Language Sequence	Placement Exam Required	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(AA) or (CP)	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(CC)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

Spring	Typical Course & Notes	Credits
Writing Proficiency Requirement	WSC 001: Must be completed with a minimum grade of C-	3
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	GEOG 160	3
Foreign Language Sequence	Placement Exam Required	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	MATH (MA) - Depending on Math Placement Score	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(BH)	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

## Second Year

Fall	Typical Course & Notes	Credits
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	GEOG 159 or 161 or 162	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(NS)	3
Minor Coursework		3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(LT)	3
Foreign Language or Alternative Option	Placement Exam Required	3
Elective (such as a PESP course)		2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>17</b>

Spring	Typical Course & Notes	Credits
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	GEOG 159 or 161 or 162	3
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	GEOG 170	3
Minor Coursework		3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(HP)	3
Alternative Language Option	Submit Alternative Language Option request	3
Elective (such as a PESP course)		2
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>17</b>

## Third Year

### Study Abroad (SA): Fall or Spring Semester or an entire year; not restricted to Junior Year

Fall	Typical Course & Notes	Credits
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	Approved SA Major class such as GEOG 180	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	Approved SA Distribution class such as (BH) or (HP)	3
Minor Coursework	Approved SA class may apply towards a Minor	3
Liberal Arts Elective	Approved SA class may apply as a LA Elective	3
Liberal Arts Elective	Approved SA class may apply as a LA Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

Spring	Typical Course & Notes	Credits
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	Approved SA class such as a GEOG 100 Level Elective	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	Approved SA Distribution class such as (LT) or (AA)	3
Minor Coursework	Approved SA class may apply towards a Minor	3
Liberal Arts Elective	Approved SA class may apply as a LA Elective	3
Liberal Arts Elective	Approved SA class may apply as a LA Elective	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

## Fourth Year

Fall	Course Notes	Credits
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	GEOG 191	3
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	GEOG 190 Internship	3
Minor Coursework		3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(IS)	3
Quantitative Reasoning Course	Check "Attribute Type" via My Hofstra Course Search	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

Spring	Course Notes	Credits
Major Coursework in (GIS) Geography	Such as a GEOG 100 Level Honors Thesis	3
Distribution "Core" Requirement	(MA) or (CS) pr (NS)	3
Minor Coursework		3
2 <sup>nd</sup> Writing Intensive Course	Check "Attribute Type" via My Hofstra Course Search	3
Elective		3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

124 Total Credits Required

## B.A. in Geography Curriculum Worksheet / GIS Concentration Option

COURSE	MAJOR & DISTRIBUTION OVERLAP	REQUIREMENTS	TYPICAL CREDITS	TYPICAL YEAR
<b>Writing Proficiency Requirements</b>				
WSC 001		COMPOSITION	3	First Year - Fall
WSC 002		COMPOSITION	3	First Year - Spring
	WSC 002	Writing Proficiency Exam (Must pass proficiency exam)		
	GEOG 191	Writing Intensive Courses (Completion of 2 Writing Intensive Classes)		
<b>Distribution "Core" Requirements</b>				
LT		LITERATURE (LT)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
AA or LT		APPRECIATION & ANALYSIS (AA) or LITERATURE (LT)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
AA or CP		APPRECIATION & ANALYSIS (AA) or CREATIVE PARTICIPATION (CP)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
NS	YES-Refer to DW audit for list	NATURAL SCIENCE (NS)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
MA		MATH (MA) - Depending on Math Placement Score	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
MA/CS/NS	YES-Refer to DW audit for list	MATH (MA) / or COMP SCI (CS) / or NATURAL SCI (NS)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
BH	YES-Refer to DW audit for list	BEHAVIORAL SOCIAL SCIENCES (BH)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
HP	YES-Refer to DW audit for list	HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION (HP)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
BH or HP	YES-Refer to DW audit for list	BEHAVIORAL SOCIAL SCIENCES (BH) or HIST/PHI/REL (HP)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
CC	YES-Refer to DW audit for list	CROSS-CULTURAL (CC)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
IS	YES-Refer to DW audit for list	INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (IS)	3	First Year - Sophomore Year
	Check Attribute Type via My Hofstra Course Search	Quantitative Reasoning - Completion of 1 Quantitative Reasoning Class		Junior Year - Senior Year
<b>Foreign Language Requirements (Depending on Language Placement Exam Score)</b>				
001		FOREIGN LANGUAGE - Beginning Level 001	3	First Year - Junior Year
002		FOREIGN LANGUAGE - Beginning Level 002	3	First Year - Junior Year
003		FOREIGN LANGUAGE - Intermed. Level 001 or ALTERNATE LANG OPTION	3	First Year - Junior Year
	CLL/FRLT/ITLT/ITST/LIT/SPLT	ALTERNATE LANGUAGE OPTION	3	First Year - Junior Year
<b>Major Coursework in Geography (GIS) Concentration Option)</b>				
GEOG 60		INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3	First Year - Fall
GEOG 160		INTERMEDIATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3	First Year - Spring
GEOG 170		ADVANCED GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS	3	Sophomore - Junior Year
GEOG	159 or 161 or 162 or 190	APPLIED GIS ELECTIVES	3	Sophomore - Junior Year
GEOG	Refer to DW audit for list	GEOGRAPHY MAJOR ELECTIVES	3	Sophomore - Junior Year
GEOG	Refer to DW audit for list	GEOGRAPHY MAJOR ELECTIVES	3	Sophomore - Junior Year
GEOG	Refer to DW audit for list	MAJOR REQUIRED ELECTIVES	3	Sophomore - Junior Year
GEOG	Refer to DW audit for list	MAJOR REQUIRED ELECTIVES	3	Sophomore - Junior Year
GEOG	Refer to DW audit for list	MAJOR ADDITIONAL ELECTIVE WORK	3	Sophomore - Junior Year
GEOG 191		SEMINAR: GEOGRAPHIC METHODOLOGY	3	Senior Year
		A minimum of 15 GEOG Major credits must be taken at Hofstra A minimum of 12 credits in GEOG 100 level courses are required A minimum GPA of a 2.0 is required in your major		
<b>Elective Requirements (All Global Studies Majors must declare a minor or double major)</b>				
		ELECTIVES	43	Junior - Senior Year
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>			<b>124</b>	

*A minimum of 94 credits in liberal arts are required / The last 30 credits must be taken in residence*