

B.A. in Geography: Geography/Social Studies Major

Huxley College of the Environment

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What is the study of Geography/Social Studies?

Geography/Social Studies at Huxley College provides a breadth of knowledge in Geography, Environmental Studies, History, Economics, Anthropology, and Political Science. Designed to meet Washington State requirements for a teaching endorsement, Geography/Social Studies can also prepare you for teaching in non-traditional settings

with or without the additional certification from Woodring College. Students with a degree in Geography/Social Studies can also go on to Graduate work in Geography, Education, or Environmental Education.

In the State of Washington, each public school teacher must have a Bachelor's Degree in a subject

approved by the State and must complete a teacher certification program. The Geography/Social Studies degree provides the program endorsement and a B.A. degree in Geography. You will also need to apply to Woodring College and complete the Secondary Education certification program (approx. 65 credits).

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Why should I consider a Geography/Social Studies Major?

If you want to teach Geography and Social Studies to children in grades 5-12 in a

public or private school setting, this major will provide the subject area requirements.

Declaring a Geography/Social Studies Major:

Pre-Major Declaration: Any student may declare as an Environmental Studies (including Geography) pre-major. The forms are available at the Huxley College office in ES 539.

Major Declaration: Once you have completed or are completing all of the required preparatory courses, apply to Huxley College.

Applications are available online from the Huxley College website or in the Huxley College office in ES 539. Application due dates are May 2nd for Fall Quarter, October 20th for Winter Quarter, and January 28th for Spring Quarter. The application also requires a brief essay and a list of relevant experience. Although gpa is considered, a minimum gpa is not

required and it is just one area rated and ranked in the application process. The average gpa of entering Huxley students is 3.0.

Mid Program Checkpoint:

Students intending to complete a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Geography/Social Studies within four years should complete the following courses by the start of their junior year. Students are expected to follow all prerequisite requirements for courses and seek early departmental advisement.

Coursework:

Complete Huxley preparatory coursework:

ESCI 101
Complete WWU science GUR requirements
MATH 107 or 114 or 156
EGEO 203
EGEO 201
ECON 206 or 446
PLSC 250
BCOM course

Other Activities:

If pursuing Secondary Education Professional Program, apply to Woodring College of Education. See Secondary Education Professional Program Guide for additional information.

Sample Career Fields:

- Middle School Teacher
- Land-Use Analyst
- High School Teacher
- Surveyor
- Private School Teacher
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Ecologist
- Natural Resource Specialist

Geography/Social Studies Major Requirements: 90-92 Credits

Required Preparatory Courses:

ESCI 101 Environmental Studies: A Scientific Approach (3)

Completion of WWU Science GUR requirements

MATH: Math 107 Mathematical Reasoning and Its Applications, *or* Math 114 Pre-calculus *or* Math 156 Algebra with Applications to Business and Economics (4-5)

EGEO 201 Human Geography (4)

EGEO 203 Physical Geography or GEOL 211 Physical Geology (4)

Economics: ECON 206 Microeconomics(4)

or ECON 446 Economics for the Teacher(3)

PLSC 250 The American Political System (5)

Communication Block B: Any BCOM requirement (3-5)

Huxley College Core:

*ESTU 306 Introduction to Huxley College (1) *Cancelled Requirement

Geography Courses:

Physical Geography: 3-4 credits

Select one of the following:

EGEO 330 Geography of Landforms (4)

EGEO 331 Climatology (4)

EGEO 362 Land Resource Analysis (3)

EGEO 363 Natural Hazards Planning (3)

EGEO 431 Water Resources (4)

EGEO 432 Geography of Soils (4)

EGEO 433 Climate and Biophysical Processes (4)

Geography Core Requirements: 19 credits

EGEO 201 Human Geography (4)

EGEO 203 Physical Geography (4)

EGEO 209 Geography and World Affairs (2)

EGEO 301 Research and Writing (3)

EGEO 320 Society and Environment: The United States (3)

EGEO 351 Map Reading and Analysis (3)

Geography Electives: 8 credit minimum under faculty advisement

Other Geography options:

B.A. in Geography (85 credits)

B.A.Ed. in Geography—Elementary (45 credits plus 107 credits for Elementary Education Certification Program)

Minor in Geography (25 credits)

Minor in Geographic Information Systems (32-34 credits)

Regional Elective: 6 credits

Select two of the following:

EGEO 321 Society & Environment: Africa (3)

EGEO 322 Society & Environment: The Middle East (3)

EGEO 323 Society & Environment: South Asia (3)

EGEO 324 Society & Environment: East Asia (3)

EGEO 327 Society & Environment: Pacific Northwest(3)

EGEO 328 Society & Environment: Canada (3)

Geography Track Elective Courses: 11 credits minimum

Select three of the following:

EGEO 310 Developing World (4)

EGEO 312 Geography of the World Economy (4)

EGEO 314 Urbanization: Processes and Patterns (4)

EGEO 340 Population and Resources (3)

Social Studies Courses: 40-42 credits

ANTH 201 Introduction to Anthropology (5)

or one of: SOC 221, 251, 255, 260, 268 or 269

ECON 446 Economics for the Teacher (3)

or Econ 206 Microeconomics (4)

ECON 447 Methods of Teaching about the National Economy in Public Schools (3)

or ECON 207 Macroeconomics (4)

HIST 103 American History to 1865 (4)

HIST 104 American History since 1865 (4)

HIST 391 History of the Pacific Northwest (4)

PLSC 250 The American Political System (5)

12 credits in history including one course in World, Western, Pacific Rim, or Civilization

In addition to courses in your major, you will need to complete certification courses through Woodring College before you are eligible to teach in a Washington public school. See the Secondary Teacher Certification information sheet for details.

These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:

QSR: MATH 107, 114 or 156

HUM: HIST 103, 104, Additional History

SSC: PLSC 250, ECON 206, ANTH 201, EGEO 201

ACGM: EGEO 322, 323, 324

LSCI: BIOL 101, CHEM 115 or 121, EGEO 203

WP: EGEO 301