

2009-2010

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

Huxley College of the Environment

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 (approximately 65 credits).

Why Should I Consider This 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.

How to Declare:

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

Admission to Huxley College and its majors is selective and based upon the following four criteria:

1. Completion of required preparatory course work
2. Academic performance (GPA)
3. A brief essay in response to a given question, and
4. Relevant experience.

Applications should be received by the Huxley College office by April 25 for admission to summer or fall quarters; October 6 for admission winter quarter; and January 15 for admission spring quarter.

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.

Huxley Preparatory Coursework:

ESCI 101
Complete WWU science GUR requirements
MATH 107 or 114 or 156
EGEO 201
EGEO 203
BCOM or CCOM course

Other Activities:

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

Contact Information:

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Sample Careers:

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: 105-116 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 (4)
Or Math 114 Pre-calculus (5)
Or Math 156 Algebra w/Applications to Business and Economics (4)
EGEO 201 Human Geography (4)
EGEO 203 Physical Geography (4)
Or GEOL 211 Physical Geology (4)
Any BCOM or CCOM course (3-5)

Huxley College Core:

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: 21 credits

EGEO 209 Geography and World Affairs (2)
EGEO 250 Geographic Information Systems Survey (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: 7 credit minimum under faculty advisement

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: 11-12 credits minimum

Select three of the following:

EGEO 310 Developing World (4)
EGEO 311 Population and Resources (3)
EGEO 312 Geography of the World Economy (4)
EGEO 314 Urbanization: Processes and Patterns (4)

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) (preferred)
Or ECON 206 Microeconomics (4)
ECON 447 Methods of Teaching about the National Economy in Public Schools (3) *preferred*
Or ECON 207 Macroeconomics (4)
PLSC 250 The American Political System (5)
HIST 103 American History to 1865 (4)
HIST 104 American History since 1865 (4)
HIST 391 History of the Pacific Northwest (4)

Three courses in history (minimum 12 credits):

- One in Ancient
- One course each, selected from two of the following areas:
 - Europe
 - East and South Asia
 - Africa and the Middle East, or
 - Western Hemisphere (outside the U.S.)

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

QSR: MATH 107, 114 or 156

HUM: HIST 103, 104, Additional History

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

ACGM: EGEO 322, 323, 324

LSCI: BIOL 101, CHEM 121, EGEO 203

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.

If you are planning to become a teacher, 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.

Other Geography Options:

B.A. in Geography (85 credits)

B.A.Ed. in Geography—Elementary (45 credits plus 104 credits for Elementary Education Certification Program)

Minor in Geography (25 credits)

Minor in Geographic Information Systems (32-34 credits)