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

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

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

### Preparatory Courses (29-36 credits)

- EGEO 201 - HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
- EGEO 203 - PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
- ESCI 101 - ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES: A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH
- One course from:
  - MATH 107 - MATHEMATICAL REASONING AND ITS APPLICATIONS
  - MATH 112 - FUNCTIONS AND ALGEBRAIC METHODS
  - MATH 114 - PRECALCULUS I
  - MATH 156 - ALGEBRA WITH APPLICATIONS TO BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS
- Any BCOM or CCOM GUR requirement course
- Two Natural Science GUR lab courses

**Application deadlines:** 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.

**Advising Tips:** Prospective environmental studies majors are encouraged to meet with departmental advisor, Kathryn Patrick, to explore their environmental studies interest and develop a plan of study.

### Contact Information:

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<http://www.wwu.edu/huxley/>

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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

### Major/Career Resources:

[http://www.careers.wwu.edu/students\\_choosingamajor.shtml](http://www.careers.wwu.edu/students_choosingamajor.shtml)

# Geography/Social Studies, BA (106-117 credits)

Students are advised to see the department for GPA requirements within the major.

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## Major (77-81 credits)

- EGEO 209 - GEOGRAPHY AND WORLD AFFAIRS
- EGEO 250 - GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS SURVEY
- EGEO 301 - RESEARCH AND WRITING
- EGEO 320 - THE UNITED STATES: SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT
- EGEO 351 - MAP READING AND ANALYSIS
- HIST 103 - INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN CIVILIZATION: AMERICAN HISTORY TO 1865
- HIST 104 - INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN CIVILIZATION: AMERICAN HISTORY SINCE 1865
- HIST 391 - HISTORY OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST
  
- One Physical Geography course from:
  - EGEO 330 - GEOGRAPHY OF LANDFORMS
  - EGEO 331 - CLIMATOLOGY
  - EGEO 362 - LAND RESOURCE ANALYSIS
  - EGEO 363 - NATURAL HAZARDS PLANNING
  - EGEO 431 - WATER RESOURCES
  - EGEO 432 - SOIL LANDSCAPES
  - EGEO 433 - CLIMATE AND BIOPHYSICAL PROCESSES
  
- Two Regional Geography courses from:
  - EGEO 321 - AFRICA: SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT
  - EGEO 322 - THE MIDDLE EAST: SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT
  - EGEO 323 - SOUTH ASIA: SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT
  - EGEO 324 - EAST ASIA: SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT
  - EGEO 327 - THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT
  - EGEO 328 - CANADA: SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT
  
- Three courses from:
  - EGEO 310 - DEVELOPING WORLD
  - EGEO 311 - POPULATION AND RESOURCES
  - EGEO 312 - GEOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD ECONOMY
  - EGEO 314 - URBANIZATION: PROCESSES AND PATTERNS
  
- 7 Electives credits under advisement from:
  - EGEO 300- and 400-level

### Other Geography Options

Geography Minor  
Geography- Elementary, BAE  
Geography- Environmental and Resource Management Emphasis, BA

- One course from:
  - ANTH 201 - INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
  - SOC 221 - INTRODUCTION TO POPULATION ISSUES
  - SOC 251 - SOCIOLOGY OF DEVIANT BEHAVIOR
  - SOC 255 - SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
  - SOC 260 - THE FAMILY IN SOCIETY
  - SOC 268 - GENDER AND SOCIETY
  - SOC 269 - RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS
- One course from:
  - ECON 206 - INTRODUCTION TO MICROECONOMICS
  - ECON 446 - ECONOMICS FOR THE TEACHER (preferred)
- One course from:
  - ECON 207 - INTRODUCTION TO MACROECONOMICS
  - ECON 447 - METHODS FOR TEACHING ABOUT THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (preferred)
- Three additional history courses (minimum 12 credits) distributed as follows:
  - One course in Ancient
  - One course from two of the following areas:
    - Europe
    - East & South Asia
    - Africa & Middle East
    - Western Hemisphere
- PLSC 250 - THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SYSTEM

To receive a recommendation for state of Washington certification, students must complete the teacher certification program, including the content methods course, SEC 426, which is offered by the Department of Secondary Education as 1) a part of the undergraduate BA degree, or 2) as a post-baccalaureate program, or 3) as part of the Master's in Education degree. See the Secondary Education section of this catalog for program admission, completion, and teaching certification requirements. Completion of this combined major leads to an endorsement in social studies.

### General University Requirements (GUR):

The courses below are offered within this major and may also be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency Requirements.

**QSR:** MATH 107, 112, 114, 156

**HUM:** HIST 103, 104

**SSC:** ANTH 201; ECON 206, 207; EGEO 201, 209, 312; PLSC 250; SOC 221, 251, 255, 260

**ACGM:** EGEO 321, 322, 323, 324

**BCGM:** SOC 268, 269

**LSCI:** EGEO 203

**SCI:** ESCI 101

**WP:** Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (noted as WP1,2 and 3). Check *Classfinder* or *Online Timetable* for departmental offerings each quarter.

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