Geography, BA

LAGCUBA

Dive into the phenomena, features and inhabitants of planet Earth. Learn about humanistic and cultural traditions while absorbing the physical aspects of the world, especially climate and landscape dynamics.

Program Description

Combining the physical environment with human interaction, the BA program in geography emphasizes humanistic and cultural traditions.

Students pursuing undergraduate studies in geography typically concentrate on knowledge-building in understanding various cultural phenomena or in studying regions such as Africa, Asia, Australia and Oceania, Europe, Latin America and North America.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit the college's website for more information and requirements.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe or Online, ASU Local

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General
Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree with:

- Geography, MA
- Urban and Environmental Planning, MUEP

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online
ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

Students deepen their understanding of cultural traditions in the human experience of place when studying abroad. Through study abroad programs, students explore the world and gain hands-on experience in diverse cultures and traditions.

With more than 300 Global Education programs available, study abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Students' resumes are enhanced with the heightened skills in cultural competency, communication and critical thinking acquired through study abroad.

Career Opportunities

Geographers obtain careers in:

- community development
- foreign service
- geodemographic analysis
- governmental organizations
intelligence analysis
international trade
nongovernmental organizations
public sector transportation planning
teaching
urban and regional planning

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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<td>5.0%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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