**New Undergraduate Program (Majors, Minors, Sequences, Certificates) Proposal  
Illinois State University - University Curriculum Committee**

**Program Department**   Geography, Geology, and the Environment

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**Title of New Program**   Geography Traditional Sequence

**Proposed Starting Catalog Year**   2025-2026

**1.**

**Proposed Action**

New Major

New Minor

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New Sequence

New Certificate

More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

**Sequence Major**

Traditional Geography

**2.**

**Provide *Undergraduate Catalog* copy for new program.**

NOTE: This was copyied from the current catalog; no changes were made (or are proposed).

Geography

Degree Offered: B.A., B.S.

Major in Geography, Traditional Sequence

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Major Requirements

Minimum required credit hours: 50

* GEO 100
* GEO 138
* GEO 204
* GEO 205
* GEO 238
* GEO 292
* GEO 300
* GEO 303
* GEO 398a01

Take 1 of the following

* GEO 135
* GEO 142

Take six (18 credit hours) additional Geography electives

Geography majors must complete a minimum of 21 elective hours, including at least 15 credit hours at the 300-level. Please consult with your academic advisor. Regional geography courses (listed below) count toward the 18 credit hours if not used for the regional geography electives

* GEO 304
* GEO 305
* GEO 308
* GEO 310
* GEO 311
* GEO 315
* GEO 322
* GEO 326
* GEO 331
* GEO 334
* GEO 336
* GEO 341
* GEO 342
* GEO 344
* GEO 351
* GEO 370
* GEO 361
* GEO 380
* GEO 382

Take 1 regional geography elective

* GEO 235a01
* GEO 235a02
* GEO 235a04
* GEO 265
* GEO 306a15
* GEO 306a22
* GEO 306a26
* GEO 306a28

Graduation Requirements

These are general requirements for all students. Students may apply for and receive two bachelor's degrees at the same time. Refer to the Academic Policies and Practices section of the catalog for details.

* 120 minimum total credit hours
* A minimum of 40 of the 120 total hours must be senior college hours (200-300 level courses)
* AMALI requirement (certain courses in General Education and/or major may fulfill the AMALI requirement)
* IDEAS (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access in U.S. Society) requirement (certain courses in General Education and/or major may fulfill the IDEAS requirement)
* Students completing a Bachelor of Science degree must complete a B.S. - Science, Math, & Technology degree requirement (beyond the General Education requirements)
* Students completing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete a B.A. - foreign language degree requirement: LAN/FRE/GER/SPA/ITA/JPN/POR 115 (or equivalent)
* Some majors complete other types of degrees that do not include additional graduation requirements. For example, the Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S. in Ed.) or the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.).

Specific Program Requirements

College of Arts and Sciences foreign language requirement - LAN/FRE/GER/SPA/ITA/JPN/POR 111 and 112 (or equivalent)

General Education Requirements

There are three ways to complete general education requirements for Illinois State University. These three general education programs have different requirements and affect only certain types of students.

1. The first way is to complete Illinois State University's General Education Program (see below for details).
2. The second way is to complete the Illinois Transferable General Education Core Curriculum available through the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) (see below for details).
3. The third way is to complete a baccalaureate-oriented Associates Degree (A.A. or A.S.) from a regionally accredited post-secondary institution. For those transferring from an Illinois college or university, the A.S. degree must include the complete IAI General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) or the student must complete the GECC to fulfill Illinois State’s General Education requirement.

Illinois State University's General Education Program

The complete General Education Program consists of 13 courses (39 semester hours). Because of laboratory or recitation requirements, some courses are listed as four or five credit hours in this catalog. All four or five hours will be credited toward graduation requirements, but only three hours will be credited in General Education for these courses. Depending on their major, students may be exempted from one General Education category (maximum of one course) because of disciplinary expertise gained in their major.

* Communication and Composition (2 courses required)
  + COM 110 Communication as Critical Inquiry (3 credit hours) - required for all students
  + ENG 101 or ENG 101A10 Composition as Critical Inquiry (3 credit hours) - required for all students
* Mathematics (1 course required)
* Natural Science/Natural Science Alternatives (2 courses required) Must complete 1 course from 2 different sciences.
* United States Traditions (1 course required)
* Individuals & Civic Life (1 course required)
* Fine Arts (1 course/3 credit hours required)
* Humanities (1 course required)
* Language in the Humanities (1 course required)
* Quantitative Reasoning for B.S. or LAN 115 for B.A. (1 course required)
* Science, Math, & Technology (1 course required)
* Social Sciences (1 course required)

Program requirements that also fulfill General Education Program Requirements

* Exempt from Social Sciences Category due to disciplinary expertise gained in the major
* GEO 138 - Quantitative Reasoning

**3.**

**Provide a description for the proposed program.**

The Geography Traditional Sequence is the existing program - no changes are proposed. The change is in structure only. While we currently offer a BS in Geogrpahy and a BS in Geography Education, only Geography Education is a sequence. To align with the tstructure of our other programs in which there are multiple sequences, i.e. the Geology program offering a BS in Geology (Traditional Sequence) and Earth and Space Science Education (ESSE) (ESSE Sequence under Geology), the Traditional Geography sequence is being proposed.

**4.**

**Provide a rationale of proposed program.**

This program currently exist - there will be no changes.

**5.**

**Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).**

N/A

**6.**

**Provide a sample four-year plan of study that fulfills the following requirements:** 120 hours, 42 senior college hours (200 and 300 level courses) for 2023-2024 and earlier catalog years; 40 senior college hours for 2024-2025 and later catalog years, and 39 General Education Program hours or 36 hours with exemption. If the program is a BS program, show the BS-SMT degree requirement. If the program is from CAS, show Foreign Language Requirement (LAN 111/LAN 112). IDEAS and AMALI graduation requirements. Confirm General Education requirement exemptions on the General Education page of the current Academic Catalog.*4-year plans are not required for minor or certificate program proposals.*

Sample Plan of Study

The requirements below pertain to this Undergraduate Catalog year and are intended as a guide for academic planning. Students should consult with their academic advisor to discuss their individual plan of study.

Min. of 120 total credit hours required, including 40 senior level hours (200-300 level)

First Year - Fall Semester (15-16 credit hours)

ENG 101 or COM 110 (General Education) (3)  
GEO 135 or GEO 142 (General Education) (3)  
General Education course (3)  
General Education course (3)  
Foreign language course 111-level or University-wide elective (3-4)

First Year - Spring Semester (16-17 credit hours)

ENG 101 or COM 110 (General Education) (3)  
GEO 100 (4)  
GEO 138 (3)  
Foreign language course 112-level or University-wide elective (3-4)  
General Education course (3)

Second Year - Fall Semester (16 credit hours)

GEO 204 (1)  
GEO 205 (3)  
GEO 238 (3)  
General Education course (3)  
General Education course (3)  
General Education course (3)

Second Year - Spring Semester (15 credit hours)

GEO 300 (3)  
GEO 303 (3)  
General Education course (3)  
General Education course (3)  
AMALI course or University-wide elective (3)

Third Year - Fall Semester (15 credit hours)

Regional Geography major elective (3)  
300-level major elective (3)  
300-level major elective (3)  
Senior level major elective (3)  
General Education course (3)

Third Year - Spring Semester (15 credit hours)

GEO 292 (1)  
300-level major elective (3)  
300-level major elective (3)  
University-wide elective (3)  
B.S. - SMT or B.A. language (3-4)

Fourth Year - Fall Semester (13 credit hours)

GEO 292 (1)  
300-level major elective (3)  
300-level major elective (3)  
Senior level University-wide elective (3)  
Senior level University-wide elective (3)

Fourth Year - Spring Semester (16 credit hours)

Senior level University wide elective (3)  
University-wide elective (3)  
University-wide elective (3)  
University-wide elective (3)  
GEO 398 (4)

Notes

GEO 398 is offered during the summer term. Please consult your academic advisor.

**7.**

**Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses have also been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:**

N/A

**8.**

**Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.**

N/A - Approved Financial Implications Forms has been uploaded

**9.**

**No**

**Does this program count for teacher education?**

**10.**

**No**

**Is this an Interdisciplinary Studies program?**

**11.**

**The following questions must be answered.**

**No**

Have you confirmed that Milner Library has sufficient resources for the proposed program?

Explain why Milner Library has not been contacted.

This program currently exists and no new resources will be needed.

**No**

Are more than 120 hours required to complete a degree with this major?

**No**

Beyond General Education, does the major require more than 66 semester hours?

**No**

Does this sequence (if in a major) require more than 55 semester hours of courses in the major department/school?

**No**

Does this program stipulate specific general education courses offered in the major department/school as a part of the major requirements only if such courses serve as prerequisites for other courses required by the major?

**Yes**

Does this program stipulate specific course requirements (majors/sequences only) that also satisfy general education and/or IAI requirements?

Please specify those courses below.

Geography 100 Environmental Systems counts IAI Code: IAI P1 909L Physical Geography  
Geography 135 World Geography counts as AMALI or IAI Code: IAI S4 906 World Geography  
Geography 142 Human Geography counts as General Education: UST - United States Traditions or IAI Code: IAI S4 900N Introduction to Human Geography  
Geography 138 Maps and Geographical Reasoning counts General Education: QR - Quantitative Reasoning and/or Graduation Requirement: SMT - Bachelor of Science Graduation Requirement in Science, Math, and Technology

**No**

Is the proposed program intended to be longer than four years (as indicated by the plan of study)?

**N.A.**

Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?  
*A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.*

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**Financial Implications Form**

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**12.**

**Routing and action summary for New Program:**

[**Proposal Routing**](https://registrarforms.illinoisstate.edu/CurriculumForms/Support/Routing.aspx)

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