

GEOGRAPHY STUDIES - CSCU TRANSFER DEGREE, AA

Program code: GEOG-AA-TAP

Location: Capital, Gateway, Housatonic, Manchester, Middlesex, Naugatuck Valley, Northwestern, Norwalk, Quinebaug Valley, Three Rivers, Tunxis

Program Requirements

Students interested in careers in geography, urban planning, earth and environmental studies, tourism, international relations, digital data and mapping, and any form of global studies should consider this program. The Geography Studies, Associate in Arts degree provides flexibility and will allow a student to pursue a career requiring an associate degree or transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in geography, geography-related fields, or almost any other liberal arts program.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of all program requirements, graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts of physical and human geography and the methods of critical analysis geographer's use.
2. Comprehend how geographers use spatial tools (maps, statistics, etc.) to help analyze and assess global activities.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of spatial analysis, and how different fields within geography illustrate the interdependence of global systems.
4. Apply basic knowledge and research skills that are sufficient to allow one to pursue a Bachelor's degree in geography or an associated field, and/or find employment in a geography-related field that requires an Associate degree.

This program is transfer focused. It is designed to prepare students with an interest in geography, urban planning, earth and environmental issues, tourism, international relations, digital data and mapping, and any form of global studies to transfer to a four-year college or university in pursuit of a bachelor's degree.

With this degree students will be able to transfer to the following majors:

- At Central Connecticut State University:
 - *Geography with Specialization in Environmental Geography, B.A.*
 - *Geography with Specialization in General/Regional Geography, B.A.*
 - *Geography with Specialization in Geographic Information Science, B.A.*
 - *Geography with Specialization in Planning, B.A.*
 - *Geography with Specialization in Tourism, B.A.*
- At Southern Connecticut State University:
 - *Geography, B.A.*
 - *Geography - Concentration: Geographic Information Science and Technology, B.S.*

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Framework Courses		
ENG 1010	Composition	3
MATH 1100 or higher		3-4
Elective ARHX - Arts & Humanities Course		3-4
Elective SCRX - Scientific Reasoning Course		4
Elective SBSX - Social / Behavioral Science Course		3
Elective WRIX - Written Communication II Course		3
Elective SCKX - Scientific Knowledge Course		3-4
Elective HISX - Historical Knowledge Course		3
Elective ORAX - Oral Communication Course		3
CCS 1001	College and Career Success	3
Pathway Courses		
Elective CRTY - Creativity Course		3
GEOG 1000	Introduction to Geography	3
GEOG 1010	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 1020	Introduction to Human Geography	3
GEOG 2900	Geography and Tourism Development (is strongly recommended if you are planning to pursue Specialization in Tourism at CCSU, otherwise an Unrestricted Elective may be substituted for this requirement.)	3
Elective(s)		9
Remaining Unrestricted Electives		6-9
Total Credits		61-67

Electives

It is recommended students select up to 9 credits of Unrestricted Electives in a single discipline/subject based upon your field of interest in geography. These courses can be used to complete 50% of the minor requirement for all CCSU Geography degrees or can be used to begin a minor or second major at SCSU. Some suggested disciplines include ANTH, ERTH, ECO, ENVS, GEOG, GEOL, HIST, MATH, POLS, CSA, CSC, CST. Central Connecticut State University will require that you complete a minor by earning at least 18 credits in one area outside your major field you must complete at least 9 of those minor credits at Central. CCSU allows you to major and minor in Geography as long as your minor is in a different specialization from the major.

For students planning on attending ECSU or WCSU, choose any 9 credits of unrestricted electives.

Students are encouraged to meet with Guided Pathways Advisor to determine which courses to select.

Remaining Unrestricted Electives

Students are free to choose any courses at or above 1000-level to complete unrestricted electives, although they may need to use these credits to take courses that prepare for required courses in the degree program. They should also consider using unrestricted electives to meet foreign language requirements at Central, Eastern and Western Connecticut State Universities. They can also complete other General Education requirements for CCSU, but not ECSU. Students are

encouraged to meet with their Guided Pathways Advisor to determine which courses to select.

Total Credits: 60-67