

# COMPUTER SCIENCE + GEOGRAPHY & GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE, BSLAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in  
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Please see the computer science advisor as well as the geography  
advisor.

A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the LAS  
Student Academic Affairs Office by the beginning of the fifth semester  
(60-75 hours).

**General education: Students must complete the Campus General  
Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/>) requirements including the  
campus general education language requirement.**

**Minimum required major and supporting course work: Normally  
equates to 66 hours. Twelve hours of 300- and 400-level in the  
major must be taken on this campus.**

**Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.**

| Code                                      | Title   | Hours  |
|---|---|--------|
| <b>Required Computer Science Courses:</b> |   |        |
| CS 100                                    | Computer Science Orientation<br>(recommended; CS 100 is an orientation<br>course aimed at first-year students, so<br>students who declare the major after the<br>freshman year are not required to complete<br>it.) | 1      |
| CS 124                                    | Introduction to Computer Science I  | 3      |
| CS 128                                    | Introduction to Computer Science II   | 3      |
| CS 173                                    | Discrete Structures   | 3      |
| CS 225                                    | Data Structures   | 4      |
| CS 222                                    | Software Design Lab   | 1      |
| Choose one of the following combinations  |   | 8-11   |
| CS 233<br>& CS 341                        | Computer Architecture<br>and System Programming   |        |
| OR  |   |        |
| CS 340                                    | Introduction to Computer Systems<br>& two CS courses at the 400 level above CS 403, excluding<br>CS 421 and CS 491  |        |
| Choose one of the following:              |   | 3      |
| STAT 200                                  | Statistical Analysis  |        |
| STAT 212                                  | Biostatistics   |        |
| CS 361                                    | Probability & Statistics for Computer<br>Science (recommended)  |        |
| CS 374                                    | Introduction to Algorithms & Models of<br>Computation   | 4      |
| CS 421                                    | Programming Languages & Compilers   | 3 or 4 |

**Mathematics (may also fulfill the General Education QR I and II  
requirements)**

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|-------------------------|--|--------|
| MATH 220<br>or MATH 221 | Calculus<br>Calculus I   | 5      |
| MATH 225<br>or MATH 257 | Introductory Matrix Theory<br>Linear Algebra with Computational Applications | 2 or 3 |
| MATH 231                | Calculus II  | 3      |

**Required Geographic Information Science Coursework - Minimum  
of 24 hours**

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| GGIS 371  | Spatial Analysis                                     |   |
| GGIS 379  | Introduction to Geographic Information<br>Systems    |   |
| GGIS 380  | Geographic Information Systems II                    |   |
| Two (2) additional GIS courses from the following list: |  | 6 |
| GGIS 205  | Business Location Decisions                          |   |
| GGIS 224  | Environmental Data Science                           |   |
| GGIS/SOC 280  | Intro to Social Statistics                           |   |
| GGIS 407  | Foundations of CyberGIS & Geospatial Data<br>Science |   |
| GGIS 412  | Geospatial Technologies & Society                    |   |
| GGIS/ATMS 421   | Earth Systems Modeling                               |   |
| GGIS/PATH 439   | Health Applications of GIS                           |   |
| GGIS 440  | Business Applications of GIS                         |   |
| GGIS 460  | Aerial Photo Analysis                                |   |
| GGIS 468  | Biological Modeling                                  |   |
| GGIS 473  | Digital Cartography & Map Design                     |   |
| GGIS 476  | Environmental Remote Sensing                         |   |
| GGIS 477  | Introduction to Remote Sensing                       |   |
| GGIS 478  | Techniques of Remote Sensing                         |   |
| GGIS 479  | Advanced Topics in GIS                               |   |
| GGIS 480  | Principles of Geographic Information<br>Science      |   |
| GGIS 489  | Programming for GIS                                  |   |
| Two (2) human and/or physical geography courses:        |  | 6 |
| GGIS 204  | Cities of the World                                  |   |
| GGIS 210  | Social & Environmental Issues                        |   |
| GGIS 221  | Geographies of Global Conflict                       |   |
| GGIS 222  | Big Rivers of the World                              |   |
| GGIS/NRES 287   | Environment and Society                              |   |
| GGIS/ESE 350  | Sustainability and the City                          |   |
| GGIS 356  | Sustainable Development in South Asia                |   |
| GGIS 370/ESE 320  | Water Planet, Water Crisis                           |   |
| GGIS 384  | Population Geography                                 |   |
| GGIS/NRES 401   | Watershed Hydrology                                  |   |
| GGIS 405  | Geography Field Course                               |   |
| GGIS 406  | Fluvial Geomorphology                                |   |
| GGIS 408  | Humans and River Systems                             |   |
| GGIS 410  | Green Development                                    |   |
| GGIS 436/IB 439   | Biogeography   |   |
| GGIS 438  | Geography of Health Care                             |   |
| GGIS 455  | Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa                      |   |
| GGIS/LA 446   | Sustainable Planning Seminar                         |   |
| GGIS 465  | Transportation & Sustainability                      |   |

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| GGIS 466 | Environmental Policy           |
| GGIS 471 | Modern Geographic Thought      |
| GGIS 482 | Challenges of Sustainability   |
| GGIS 483 | Urban Geography                |
| GGIS 484 | Cities, Crime, and Space       |
| GGIS 496 | Climate & Social Vulnerability |

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### Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

### First Year

| First Semester                            | Hours | Second Semester                             | Hours     |
|---|-------|---|-----------|
| Free elective course                      |       | 1 CS 128                                    | 3         |
| CS 100                                    |       | 1 CS 173                                    | 3         |
| Geographic Information Science course     |       | 3 MATH 220 (or MATH 221)                    | 4         |
| CS 124                                    |       | 3 General Education course or Composition I | 4         |
| Composition I or General Education course |       | 4   |           |
|   |       | <b>12</b>                                   | <b>14</b> |

### Second Year

| First Semester                          | Hours | Second Semester                           | Hours     |
|---|-------|---|-----------|
| CS 222                                  |       | 1 CS 233 (or CS 340)                      | 3         |
| CS 225                                  |       | 4 STAT 200 (or STAT 212 or CS 361)        | 3         |
| MATH 225 (or MATH 257)                  |       | 3 MATH 231                                | 3         |
| Language Other Than English (3rd level) |       | 4 Language Other Than English (4th level) | 4         |
| General Education Course                |       | 3 General Education Course                | 3         |
|   |       | <b>15</b>                                 | <b>16</b> |

### Third Year

| First Semester                         | Hours | Second Semester                               | Hours     |
|--|-------|---|-----------|
| CS 341 (or CS 400-level course)        |       | 4 CS 374                                      | 4         |
| Human and/or Physical Geography course |       | 3 CS 400-level course or Free elective course | 3         |
| GGIS 371                               |       | 4 Human and/or Physical Geography course      | 3         |
| GGIS 379                               |       | 4 General Education Course                    | 3         |
| General Education Course               |       | 3 General Education Course                    | 3         |
|  |       | <b>18</b>                                     | <b>16</b> |

### Fourth Year

| First Semester           | Hours | Second Semester                         | Hours     |
|--------------------------|-------|---|-----------|
| CS 421                   |       | 3 Geographic Information Science course | 3         |
| GGIS 380                 |       | 4 General Education Course              | 3         |
| General Education Course |       | 3 General Education Course              | 3         |
| General Education Course |       | 3 Free elective course                  | 3         |
| Free elective course     |       | 3 Free elective course                  | 1         |
|                          |       | <b>16</b>                               | <b>13</b> |

### Total Hours 120

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Undergraduate Degree Programs in Geography & Geographic Information Science

### For the Degree of Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Major in Computer Science & Geography & GIS, BSLAS (p. 1)
- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, Geographic Information Science Concentration, BSLAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/geography-geographic-information-science-bslas/geographic-information-science/>)
- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, Physical Geography Concentration, BSLAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/geography-geographic-information-science-bslas/physical-geography/>)

### For the Degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, General Geography Concentration, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/geography-geographic-information-science-balas/general-geography/>)

- Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, Human Geography Concentration, BALAS (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/las/geography-geographic-information-science-balas/human-geography/>)

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Computer Science Degree information: CS + X Degrees (<https://cs.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/degree-program-options/cs-x-degree-programs/#requirements>)

Geography & Geographic Information Science information: CS + GGIS (<https://cs.illinois.edu/academics/undergraduate/degree-program-options/cs-x-degree-programs/computer-science-geography/>)

Department of Geography & Geographic Information Science website  
Geography & Geographic Information email ([ggis-advisor@illinois.edu](mailto:ggis-advisor@illinois.edu))  
Computer Science email ([undergrad@cs.illinois.edu](mailto:undergrad@cs.illinois.edu))

Overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/academic-units/>)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences website (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)  
The Grainger College of Engineering website (<https://grainger.illinois.edu/>)

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