GEOGRAPHY & GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE: GENERAL GEOGRAPHY, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences: Major in Geography & Geographic Information Science, General Geography Concentration

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

Departmental distinction: Students majoring in Geography and Geographic Information Science can earn distinction, high distinction, and highest distinction upon graduation. The requirements for these awards are:

- For distinction: 3.3 GPA overall; 3.3 GPA in GGIS courses.
- For high distinction: 3.3 GPA overall; 3.75 GPA in GGIS courses.
- For highest distinction: 3.3 GPA overall; 3.75 GPA in GGIS courses; satisfactorily complete an independent project (GEOG 391).

Students should consult their advisors regarding distinction requirements as soon as they enter the major (no later than the end of their junior year).

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: A minimum of 35 credit hours of Geography and Geographic Information Science courses. Twelve (12) hours of 300- and 400-level courses in the major must be taken on this campus.

Geography & GIS Core Requirements

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Select one of the following:

- GGIS/ATMS 100 Introduction to Meteorology 3-4
- GGIS 103 Earth’s Physical Systems 3-4
- GGIS 222 Big Rivers of the World 3-4

Select one of the following:

- GGIS 101 Global Development & Environment 3-4
- GGIS 104 Social and Cultural Geography 3-4
- GGIS 105 The Digital Earth 3-4
- GGIS 106 Geographies of Globalization 3-4
- GGIS 210 Social & Environmental Issues 3-4
- GGIS 221 Geographies of Global Conflict 3-4

Choose one of the following:

- GGIS 371 Spatial Analysis 4
- GGIS 379 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems 4

Total Hours General Geography Concentration Requirements 25-27

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