Geography and Environmental Resources

Geography and Environmental Resources is the study of place and space; the intersection of the physical environment and human activities; patterns of climate, land forms, soils and water. Majors earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Environmental Resources study the environment in the field, the computer laboratory, and the traditional classroom. Job opportunities for our degree are broad and diverse. For example, graduates of our program have careers that include: Recycling Coordinator, Social Studies Teacher, GIS Coordinator, Geospatial Intelligence Analyst, Environmental Educator, Cartographer, Emergency Manager, Natural Resource Consultant, Regional Planner, Water Quality Manager, among others.

SIU Carbondale’s Department of Geography and Environmental Resources focuses on environmental sustainability. Faculty expertise is in water resources, land use, climatology, and geospatial techniques. Our courses are taught by faculty with excellent national and international reputations in their fields. We take an integrated environmental problem-solving approach in our courses. Our Environmental GIS Laboratory and Advanced Geospatial Analysis Laboratory train students to use current GIS and remote sensing technologies for environmental analysis. Many courses have labs to provide students with more personal attention. We also have an active mentoring program, through which every undergraduate has access to a faculty mentor.

Our undergraduate program is divided into two parts: Major Courses and Specialization. First, there are seven courses taken by all Geography and Environmental Resources majors to ensure that all of our students have an understanding of key concepts and tools used by professionals in the field. Then, students select one of three areas of specialization: 1) Environmental Sustainability is intended for students who want a broad background in the social and environmental sciences that relates to environmental planning and management, 2) Geographic Information Science is intended for students who are interested in applying geospatial technologies to geographic and environmental problems, or 3) Climate and Water Resources is for students interested in weather, climate and surface water resources.

Practical experience is an important part of our program. We have an active internship program that places students with local natural resource agencies. Students receive academic credit for these internship and cooperative work experiences. Our department provides several awards and scholarships for outstanding undergraduate majors. We welcome all students and invite them to participate in department activities. We have a diverse faculty and we actively promote diversity among our faculty, staff, and students.

GENV students need a solid mathematics background to prepare them for advanced-level courses. We strongly recommend that GENV majors fulfill the University Core Curriculum requirement by taking MATH 108, College Algebra.

Bachelor of Science Degree in Geography and Environmental Resources

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**Geography and Environmental Resources Minor**

A minor in geography and environmental resources consists of 15 credit-hours from a combination of the core courses and any one of the specializations.

**GIS Minor**

The Undergraduate GIS Minor enables students to focus on the fundamentals of geospatial techniques and analytical skills. This minor meets the needs of the expanding job opportunities for undergraduate students. This minor ensures that students understand earth-map relationships; understand principles of cartography; know the technical aspects of remote sensing and have competence in visual interpretation and digital processing and analysis of imagery; understand the basic representation and modeling of spatial data in GIS. Further, they will demonstrate an understanding of GIS concepts, database management, and the process of decision-making in the GIS context and obtain yield basic skills of spatial analysis and modeling and the analytical capabilities of ESRI’s ArcGIS and ERDAS IMAGINE. Finally, they will be competent in planning, developing, and implementing a major GIS project.

Course Requirement: The program requires students to complete 18 credit hours of undergraduate level coursework, as follows: GEOG 310I, GEOG 401, GEOG 404, GEOG 406, GEOG 416, GEOG 428.
Sustainability Minor

The Undergraduate Minor in Sustainability enables students to expand their knowledge and understanding of the long-term sustainable use of the earth’s resources, including water, land use and food systems, climate change, urban sustainability, and “green” energy. This minor meets the needs of the expanding job opportunities in environmental sustainability.

Course Requirement: Students must maintain a 2.7 GPA in the certification courses. The program requires students to complete at least 15 credit hours of coursework, as follows: GEOG 300I, GEOG 320, and GEOG 424, and two of the following: GEOG 421, GEOG 422, GEOG 426, GEOG 429, GEOG 431, GEOG 435, GEOG 436, GEOG 439, GEOG 454, GEOG 480, GEOG 481.

Geography and Environmental Resources Honors Program

The Geography and Environmental Resources Honors Program is a program within the major that is designed to recognize the outstanding scholarship of our top students and reward them with additional challenging and stimulating course options. Participation in the GENV Honors Program is contingent upon a student’s admission to the University Honors Program (UHP). The UHP requirements are found at: honors.siu.edu. Honors students in our major should meet with the department Chair to discuss their interests and determine their course schedules.

Honors courses in Geography and Environmental Resources are: open to GENV majors; have prerequisites as listed by course number in the next section below; and have special assignments as arranged with each instructor.

Geography and Environmental Resources Courses

GEOG100 - Environmental Conservation 100-3 Environmental Conservation. (University Core Curriculum) Human activity has changed every place on planet Earth. This course explores how and where these changes take place, and practical ways people can interact with the environment in a more sustainable manner. Themes to be explored include: biodiversity, global climate change, human population growth, and sustainability of food, soil, and water resources. Through lectures, discussions, and field trips students will investigate and map patterns integral to understanding environmental conservation issues.

GEOG103 - World Geography 103-3 World Geography. (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: S4 900N] Examination of the world’s major geographic patterns, the diversity of environments, cultures and economic activities, differences between developing and developed nations, interdependence of nations and regions through communication and trade and in-depth assessment of representative environmental issues.

GEOG104 - Weather Climate Society 104-3 Weather, Climate, and Society. (University Core Curriculum) A scientific introduction to the physical processes responsible for weather and climate and the application of fundamental scientific skills to address aspects of weather and climate that are of particular importance to society at large. Lab fee: $20.

GEOG300I - People, Geog & Environment 300I-3 People, Geography, and the Environment. (University Core Curriculum) The goal of this course is to understand complex relationships between humans and the natural environment, using a geographic perspective. Students will acquire knowledge to analyze and understand coupled human and natural systems at multiple scales-local, region, national and global. Emphasis on: 1) a science-based systems approach; 2) the role of geography as a key discipline that spans the social and physical sciences; 3) the importance of interdisciplinary perspectives; 4) issues of collaboration, institution building, and policy development.

GEOG303I - Physical Geography 303I-3 Physical Geography. (University Core Curriculum) [IAI Course: P1 909L] This course provides students with an overview of the earth’s physical and biogeographic systems. Emphasis is placed on 1) understanding the role of geomorphology, climate, and biogeography...
GEOG304 - Geography of Globalization 304-3 Geography of Globalization. Evolution of the world economic system over time and space emphasizing the recent rapid increase in economic interdependency among nations, regions, and urban and rural areas. Changing global patterns of production and trade in nature resources, manufactured goods, services, information, and economic control are emphasized. This course satisfies the CoLA Writing-Across-the-Curriculum requirement.

GEOG310I - Intro to GIS 310I-3 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems. (University Core Curriculum) An interdisciplinary course that provides students the skills and knowledge to use geospatial technologies such as geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), and remote sensing. Applications drawn from diverse fields: environmental science, ecology, social sciences and others. Course includes lectures, discussions, interactive and hands-on computer exercises and projects. Lab fee: $20.

GEOG312 - Intro GPS, LiDAR, Radar 312-3 Introduction to GPS, LiDAR, and Radar Applications. This course provides the practical skills, knowledge, and understanding of quantitative measurement tools in the field of environmental and geospatial applications. The course focuses on the basic concepts and applications of GPS (Global Positioning System), LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), and Radar systems. Use of the GPS, a way of accurately determining positions on the earth has grown exponentially and is currently used in mapping, navigation, surveying, agriculture, construction, vehicle tracking and recovery, archaeology, biology, cell phones and automobiles. The course also introduces fundamental concepts of accuracy assessment and appropriate use of these data products. Students will also master the basic skills needed to leverage these data sources and information products in the context of application domains. Course component includes lectures, labs, and field work.

GEOG320 - Intro Environ Sustainability 320-3 Introduction to Environmental Sustainability. The course provides students with an introduction to the philosophy and tools of environmental sustainability, with an emphasis on the integration of the ecological, economic and social aspects of sustainability. The aim of the course is to provide students with practical examples of the methods used to design, implement and assess environmental sustainability at multiple management levels. The course examines issues and case studies with a local through global perspective. Prerequisites: None.

GEOG330 - Physical Climatology 330-3 Physical Climatology. Contemporary view of earth's climate system and its relevant processes from an advanced, physical perspective. Topics covered include energy balance, the hydrologic cycle, atmospheric and oceanic general circulation, interactions between the atmosphere, ocean, and land at a variety of spatial and temporal scales, and modeling and predicting these processes and interactions with appropriate models. Prerequisite: GEOG 104 with a grade of C or better, or consent of instructor.

GEOG361 - Regional Geography of the US 361-3 Regional Geography of the United States. A survey of environmental, economic, and historical factors and problems in the development of the United States and its regions. Analysis of population trends, assessment of economic activities, and analysis of transportation networks from a geographic perspective are introduced. Some attention is given to the United States in the world economy.

GEOG401 - Geographic Information Systems 401-3 Geographic Information Systems. This course will prepare students with comprehensive working knowledge and technical skills related to geographic information systems (GIS). It covers important topics in the context of GIScience, including coordinate systems and georeferencing, data structures (vectors and rasters), map principles and design, spatial analysis and modeling, GIS software, GPS, GIS data sources, and data uncertainty, which are critical to support the implementation of a GIS project. A series of GIS labs and a final class project will help equip students with necessary skills (e.g., mapping, spatial analysis, and geocoding) to fulfill the tasks of an entry-level GIS position. Recommended: GEOG 310I or CE 263. Lab fee: $20.

GEOG404 - Spatial Analysis 404-3 Spatial Analysis. This spatial analysis course is an introduction to statistical methods for geographers. The course provides an overview of the application of spatial statistical theories, concepts and approaches in the general contest of the emerging fields of geographic information system (GIS) and science (GISci). The main focus of this course is on how techniques for the analysis of spatial data can effectively be applied in a GIS environment, with a particular emphasis on
the study of spatial patterns, distribution, and associations. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 with a grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG406 - Intro to Remote Sensing** 406-3 Introduction to Remote Sensing. An introduction to the fundamentals of remote sensing as applied to environmental management. This course will examine the theoretical and practical aspects associated with the use and analysis of aerial photography and satellite imagery. These include how remote sensing data are acquired, displayed, analyzed and how information on our environment can be extracted from such data. Students will be introduced to manual interpretation and digital image processing techniques of remotely sensed imagery. Students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience using image processing software. Lab fee: $30.

**GEOG408 - Advanced Remote Sensing** 408-3 Advanced Remote Sensing. Advanced techniques in the analysis of remotely sensed data. Emphasis is placed on digital image processing using state-of-the-art technology. Students will be expected to develop individual problem-driven projects that use the knowledge, tools and techniques that are developed in this course. Prerequisite: GEOG 406, with a grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $30.

**GEOG412 - Applied Geographic Stats** 412-3 Applied Geographic Statistics. Introduction to basic statistical methods and skills related to the application of statistics to problems in geography. Lectures are supplemented with practical exercises to stress the applied nature of statistics in environmental problem solving. Topics covered include descriptive statistics, time series, probability, point and interval estimation, hypothesis testing, correlation and regression, analysis of variance, and spatial statistics.

**GEOG416 - Cartographic Design** 416-3 Cartographic Design. Introduction to the concepts and principles of map design and automated cartographic techniques used to promote the understanding of a map as a powerful communication model. Examines techniques for the representation, manipulation, display, and presentation of spatial data using computer mapping techniques and graphics software. Team based projects will address a geographic problem and produce a professional final map. Prerequisite: GEOG 401, with grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG417 - GIS Programming** 417-3 GIS Programming and Customization. GIS programming trains students in customizing GIS applications and streamlining spatial analysis by assembling functions provided by the underlying GIS platforms. This course is an introduction to programming and scripting for intermediate GIS users who need to automate the geoprocessing of GIS datasets. This course focuses the most popular commercial platform, ArcGIS ModelBuilder and Python Scripting for ArcGIS. Through this course, students will understand the object-oriented programming principles, master the advanced skills of building a complex work flow for GIS analysis, and develop customized geoprocessing programs to edit, manipulate and analyze spatial data using ArcPy and Python. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 with grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG419 - Enterprise GIS Planning** 419-3 Enterprise GIS Planning and Implementation. Students will gain both theoretical and practical understanding of the design process of enterprise GIS; be able to assess the scope of a system and address data and technology requirements of that system; become exposed to a host of the state-of-the-art tools and concepts in enterprise GIS; and learn skills for hardware, software and computer networking issues. Students are expected to have a basic working knowledge of ArcGIS and ArcIMS. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 or consent. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG420 - Advanced GIS Studies** 420-3 Advanced (GIS) Studies. This course focuses on advanced conceptual and technical issues underlying GIS, including GIS data modeling, geodatabase model and structure, analytical methods and procedures associated with geospatial modeling, and the latest developments in geospatial sciences. Laboratory assignments include the analysis of digital geographic information of physical and social phenomena, emphasizing the use of standard GIS software to illustrate techniques of geodatabase, map digitization, spatial data exploration, spatial analysis/modeling, and GIS-based decision support. Students have the opportunities of designing, implementing and presenting a GIS project that takes full advantage of the advanced GIS theories and techniques to solve spatial problems chosen by students. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 with grade of C or higher or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG421 - Urban Sustainability** 421-3 Urban Sustainability. Sustainability of urban areas is viewed from a geographical perspective to focus on the complex relationships among environmental,
sociocultural, economic, and political phenomena. Considerable time is devoted to identifying, analyzing and explaining selected urban problems and their sustainable solutions.

**GEOG422 - Environ & Energy Economics 422-3** Environmental and Energy Economics. Economics of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources management and environmental policy. Topics covered include: static and dynamic efficiency, market efficiency and market failures (market power, externalities and public goods), the economics of nonrenewable resource extraction, renewable resources management (with a focus on forests and water), mechanism design choices and their implementation in the real world, and the role of the private and public sectors in research and development.

**GEOG422H - Environ & Energy Economics 422H-3** (University Honors Program) (Same as GEOG 422, GEOG 522) Economics of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources management and environmental policy. Topics covered include: static and dynamic efficiency, market efficiency and market failures (market power, externalities and public goods), the economics of nonrenewable resource extraction, renewable resources management (with a focus on forests and water), mechanism design choices and their implementation in the real world, and the role of the private and public sectors in research and development.

**GEOG424 - Sustainable Development 424-3** Sustainable Development. Analysis of the human, economic, technological, environmental and political dimensions of sustainable development focusing on public and private sector institutions that manage renewable and non-renewable natural resources. Emphasis is sustainable development as applied to: (a) population, (b) energy and the atmosphere, and (c) agricultural impacts on soil and water resources.

**GEOG424H - Sustainable Development 424H-3** (University Honors Program) Open to undergraduates. Available for Honors credit by special arrangement. Not for graduate credit.

**GEOG426 - US Environmental Policy 426-3** US Environmental Policy. This course investigates the US system of environmental regulation: the background of social and environmental movements that influence US policy and the agencies involved in US environmental regulation. Emphasis is on US regulations and US participation in global environmental policies. Overall, the focus is on spatial variations in environmental regulations; or the geography of environmental quality.

**GEOG428 - GIS Portfolio/Capstone Project 428-3** GIS Portfolio/GIS Capstone Project. Independent development and implementation of a major GIS project based on analysis of spatially referenced data sets to produce digital products and to solve real world problems. Data obtained from multiple sources, including downloads from online sources, field-collected data, and published map data. A project portfolio and a poster approved by the instructor must be submitted for successful completion. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 and GEOG 406, with a grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG429 - Geog Local/Organic Food 429-3** Geography of Local and Organic Food. A discussion of geographic topics in local and organic food and farming. This includes: spatial distributions, landscapes, policy influences, organic agricultural productivity, food safety, consumer concerns, organic farmers’ decision making, organic marketing, local food systems, and organic certification.

**GEOG430 - Environmental Systems Analysis 430-3** Environmental Systems Analysis. Exploration of the major environmental systems relevant to planning. Topics include concepts of systems and system behavior; basics of systems analysis and modeling environmental systems; environmental fluxes of energy and materials (e.g., hydrologic cycle, carbon cycle, energy budgets, erosion and sediment transport, role of biosphere in organizing fluxes); environmental variability.

**GEOG431 - Climate Data Analysis 431-3** Climate Data and Analysis. This course focuses on identifying, locating, and applying appropriate climate data sets (e.g., station observations, atmospheric reanalyses, and climate model output), techniques for obtaining and processing these data sets, and methods commonly used for applied climate analysis. Student-lead, applied research projects provide students with the opportunity to utilize a variety of data sets and analytical tools introduced during the semester. The curriculum is organized around current practical problems from a variety of disciplines and identifying and analyzing appropriate data sets to address them. Students will become familiar with a range of computational packages, including Excel, SPSS, and Matlab. Students should have a basic
understanding of climatology and statistics prior to taking this class. Prerequisite: GEOG 330, with a grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor.

GEOG431H - Climatology 431H-3 Climatology. (University Honors Program) Open to undergraduates. Available for Honors credit by special arrangement. Prerequisite: GEOG 330, or consent.

GEOG433 - Field Methods in Geography 433-3 Field Methods in Geography. Quality geographic research depends on obtaining reliable data through an informed research design. Exploring both social and environmental processes, students will actively participate in developing and conducting investigations. Using the SIU Carbondale campus and surrounding region as a laboratory, lab exercises will include human geography, geomorphology, climatology and biogeography. Analytical techniques will include introductory statistics and mapping. Prerequisite: GEOG 303I with a minimum grade of C. Not for graduate credit. Restricted to junior and senior majors in Geography and Environmental Resources or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

GEOG433H - Field Methods in Geography 433H-3 Field Methods in Geography. (University Honors Program) Open to undergraduates. Available for Honors credit by special arrangement. Prerequisite: GEOG 303I with a minimum grade of C. Restricted to junior and senior majors in Geography and Environmental Resources or consent of instructor.

GEOG434 - Water Resources Hydrology 434-3 Water Resources Hydrology. This course covers the major components of the hydrologic cycle with emphasis on surface water and fluvial (stream) processes. Students will gain a detailed understanding of the major hydrologic processes and develop substantial experience in collecting, compiling, and analyzing hydrologic data for use in water resource analysis and management.

GEOG435 - Energy Planning 435-3 Energy Planning. Regional and national differences in energy supply and demand are reviewed followed by a study of current energy resources, the range of demands and environmental impacts. National and international planning strategies for dealing with changes in energy demand and supply are explored and assessed for present and future implementation probability.

GEOG436 - Natural Hazards 436-3 Natural Hazards. This course introduces students to the geophysical and human dimension of natural hazards and focuses on five main areas: 1) characterization of natural hazards; 2) human dimensions of natural hazards; 3) natural hazard risk assessment; 4) natural hazard mitigation planning; 5) the use of geospatial tools and models used in risk assessments and mitigation planning activities. Students will develop a fundamental understanding of both geophysical and human dimensions of natural hazards and an awareness of how natural hazards can develop into disasters.

GEOG439 - Global Climate Change 439-3 Global Climate Change. This course examines the major environmental, social and policy, issues relevant to global climate change, including natural and anthropogenic causes, environmental pollution, land use/land cover change, extinction and biodiversity issues, and potential climate change-related impacts on human health.

GEOG439H - Global Climate Change 439H-3 Global Climate Change. (University Honors Program) Open to undergraduates. Available for Honors credit by special arrangement.

GEOG440 - Water Resources Management 440-3 Water Resources Management. This interdisciplinary course is taught in a hybrid lecture/seminar style. Students review the physical science, biological science, and environmental policy which underpin water resource management. In addition, students explore human impacts on water resources and the role that water management plays in striking a sustainable balance between needs of humans and aquatic ecosystems.

GEOG452 - Environment & Population 452-3 Environment and Population. Introduction to population geography. Emphasis is on the relationships between population trends, resource use patterns and environmental impacts. Topics include methods and data used to describe and predict populations, theories of population and policy issues that relate to the interaction between population, quality of life and environmental quality. Prerequisite: GEOG 320 or consent of instructor.

GEOG454 - Environmental Movements 454-3 Conservation and Environmental Movements. Emphasizes the ways in which humans view and interact with the environment. Conservation literature
and the works of influential environmentalists are studied. Specific theories and environmental movements which help to explain society's current perception and use of the environment are studied.

**GEOG456 - Geographic Visualization** 456-3 Geographic Visualization. This course will provide an overview of geographic visualization with a concentration on the theories, concepts and approaches of information visualization. Lectures and laboratory exercises will focus on the practical issues of exploratory data analysis (EDA), cartographic design process, web cartography, data quality and generalization, thematic mapping, map animation and multimedia applications. The course will provide students with a working knowledge of commercial software commonly used for graphic-based applications. Students are expected to utilize the hands-on experience gained from the lab exercises to further enhance their proficiency in graphic software. Two hours of seminar and classroom presentations, two hours of studio exercises each week. Lab fee: $30.

**GEOG457 - American Environmental History** 457-3 American Environmental History. (Same as HIST 457) An exploration of the attitudes toward and the interaction with the natural resource environment of North America by human settlers. Coverage from the Neolithic Revolution to the present.

**GEOG458 - Applied GIS** 458-3 Applied GIS. This course provides practical GIS applications and draws from special topics in data visualization and environmental applications. The topic on data visualization includes an overview of techniques for visualizing large-scale datasets and is inspired by concepts from information visualization. Topics in environmental applications consist of risk assessment, digital elevation model processing, and watershed delineation and hydrological modeling. Students taking this course will distinctively learn: (1) how to visualize geographic data; (2) how to use different environmental risk assessment methods; (3) how to assess, detect, and characterize environmental risks and potential threats; and (4) how to create meaningful visualization scenes to support environmental decision-making. Active learning experiences will be achieved through the use of classroom lectures, lab exercises, group tasks, and presentations. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 or GEOG 310I or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG470 - Contemp Issues Env Studies** 470-3 Contemporary Issues in Environmental Studies. Background, current, and future issues linking social responses to scientifically relevant environmental issues. Students learn about the multiple geographic, social and ecological factors that influence environmental citizenship and participation. Topics include conservation/preservation, green jobs, environmental non-governmental organizations, policy influences, and environmental education. Lectures, guest lectures and seminar style discussions. Students develop and demonstrate skills in problem solving, communication, and professionalism.

**GEOG471 - Environmental Impact Analysis** 471-3 Environmental Impact Analysis. Techniques of assessing the impact of human activities on the environment, including weighting schemes, cost-benefit analysis, linear programming, ecological impact assessment. Emphasis is on placing NEPA and EIS writing in legal, economic, and environmental perspective.

**GEOG480 - Internship in Geography** 480-2 to 6 Internship in Geography. Supervised field work in private or public organization dealing with environmental sustainability or GIS. A report or professional poster on the work is required at the end of the semester. Courses may be repeated, but no more than 3 credit hours of either 480 or 481 may be applied to an undergraduate major or graduate degree. Restricted to students majoring in Geography and Environmental Resources or minoring in Environmental Studies. Special approval needed from the department.

**GEOG480H - Internship in Geography** 480H-3 to 6 Internship in Geography. (University Honors Program) Open to undergraduates. Available for Honors credit by special arrangement. Restricted to Geography major or consent.

**GEOG481 - Coop Work Exp Geography** 481-3 to 12 Cooperative Work Experience in Geography. Placement of advanced undergraduate or graduate student in private or public organization for one or more semesters in paid career-related position identified by student. Student gains professional experience, under faculty and on-site supervision. A report or professional poster on the work is required at the end of the semester. Three credit hours of either 480 or 481 may apply toward requirements for a Geography undergraduate major or graduate degree. Restricted to students majoring in Geography and Environmental Resources or minoring in Environmental Studies. Special approval needed from the department.
GEOG487A - Honors in Geography: Tutorial 487A-1 Honors in Geography-Honors Tutorial. Must be spread over the last two years of the undergraduate's career. May be taken in either A, B, C, or B, A, C sequence. Special approval needed from the department.

GEOG487B - Honors in Geography: Reading 487B-2 Honors in Geography-Honors Reading. Must be spread over the last two years of the undergraduate's career. May be taken in either A, B, C, or B, A, C sequence. Special approval needed from the department.

GEOG487C - Honors in Geography: Research 487C-3 Honors in Geography-Honors Supervised Research. Must be spread over the last two years of the undergraduate's career. May be taken in either A, B, C or B, A, C sequence. Prerequisite: GEOG 487A & B or consent of department.

GEOG490 - Readings in Geography 490-2 to 4 Readings in Geography. Supervised readings in selected subjects. Restricted to geography majors.

GEOG500 - Principles of Research 500-3 Principles of Research. This course teaches students the key components of graduate research: identify a research problem, determine research questions, structure a literature review, and develop research methods. Examples of geographic research are discussed and students work to identify independent research projects. The course culminates with students developing their own research proposals.

GEOG501 - Sem Geog & Env Research 501-3 Seminar in Geography and Environmental Research. Seminar approach to problems of completing background research design of project statements, identification of research methodology and completion of thesis/dissertation project statements. Restricted to graduate standing.

GEOG502 - Geographic Information Systems 502-3 Geographic Information Systems. This course will prepare students with comprehensive working knowledge and technical skills related to geographic information systems (GIS). It covers important topics in the context of GIScience, including coordinate systems and georeferencing, data structures (vectors and rasters), map principles and design, spatial analysis and modeling, GIS software, GPS, GIS data sources, and data uncertainty, which are critical to support the implementation of a GIS project. A series of GIS labs and a final class project will help equip students with necessary skills (e.g., mapping, spatial analysis, and geocoding) to fulfill the tasks of an entry-level GIS position. Recommended: GEOG 310I or CE 263. Lab fee: $20.

GEOG504 - Spatial Analysis 504-3 Spatial Analysis. This spatial analysis course is an introduction to statistical methods for geographers. The course provides an overview of the application of spatial statistical theories, concepts and approaches in the general contest of the emerging fields of geographic information system (GIS) and science (GISci). The main focus of this course is on how techniques for the analysis of spatial data can effectively be applied in a GIS environment, with a particular emphasis on the study of spatial patterns, distribution, and associations. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 or GEOG 502, with grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

GEOG506 - Intro to Remote Sensing 506-3 Introduction to Remote Sensing. An introduction to the fundamentals of remote sensing as applied to environmental management. This course will examine the theoretical and practical aspects associated with the use and analysis of aerial photography and satellite imagery. These include how remote sensing data are acquired, displayed, analyzed and how information on our environment can be extracted from such data. Students will be introduced to manual interpretation and digital image processing techniques of remotely sensed imagery. Students will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience using image processing software. Lab fee: $30.

GEOG508 - Advanced Remote Sensing 508-3 Advanced Remote Sensing. Advanced techniques in the analysis of remotely sensed data. Emphasis is placed on digital image processing using state-of-the-art technology. Students will be expected to develop individual problem-driven projects that use the knowledge, tools, and techniques that are developed in this course. Prerequisite: GEOG 406 or GEOG 506, with grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $30.

GEOG512 - Applied Statistics 512-3 Applied Geographic Statistics. Introduction to basic statistical methods and skills related to the application of statistics to problems in geography. Lectures are supplemented with practical exercises to stress the applied nature of statistics in environmental
decision making. Topics covered include descriptive statistics, time series, probability, point and interval estimation, hypothesis testing, correlation and regression, analysis of variance, and spatial statistics.

**GEOG516 - Cartographic Design** 516-3 Cartographic Design. Introduction to the concepts and principles of map design and automated cartographic techniques used to promote the understanding of a map as a powerful communication model. Examines techniques for the representation, manipulation, display, and presentation of spatial data using computer mapping techniques and graphics software. Team based projects will address a geographic problem and produce a professional final map. Prerequisites: GEOG 401 or GEOG 502, with grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG517 - GIS Programming** 517-3 GIS Programming and Customization. GIS programming trains students in customizing GIS applications and streamlining spatial analysis by assembling functions provided by the underlying GIS platforms. This course is an introduction to programming and scripting for intermediate GIS users who need to automate the geoprocessing of GIS datasets. This course focuses on the most popular commercial platform, ArcGIS ModelBuilder and Python Scripting for ArcGIS. Through this course, students will understand the object-oriented programming principles, master the advanced skills of building a complex workflow for GIS analysis, and develop customized geoprocessing programs to edit, manipulate and analyze spatial data using ArcPy and Python. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 or GEOG 502, with grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG520 - Advanced GIS Studies** 520-3 Advanced GIS Studies. This course focuses on advanced conceptual and technical issues underlying GIS, including GIS data modeling, geodatabase model and structure, analytical methods and procedures associated with geospatial modeling, and the latest developments in geospacial sciences. Laboratory assignments include the analysis of digital geographic information of physical and social phenomena, emphasizing the use of standard GIS software to illustrate techniques of geodatabase, map digitization, spatial data exploration, spatial analysis/modeling, and GIS-based decision support. Students have the opportunities of designing, implementing and presenting a GIS project that takes full advantage of the advanced GIS theories and techniques to solve spatial problems chosen by students. Prerequisite: GEOG 401 or GEOG 502, with grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab Fee: $20.

**GEOG521 - Urban Sustainability** 521-3 Urban Sustainability. Sustainability of urban areas is viewed from a geographical perspective to focus on the complex relationships among environmental, sociocultural, economic, and political phenomena. Considerable time is devoted to identifying, analyzing and explaining selected urban problems and their sustainable solutions.

**GEOG522 - Environ & Energy Economics** 522-3 Environmental and Energy Economics. Economics of renewable and nonrenewable natural resources management and environmental policy. Topics covered include: static and dynamic efficiency, market efficiency and market failures (market power, externalities, and public goods), the economics of nonrenewable resource extraction, renewable resources management (with a focus on forests and water), mechanism design choices and their implementation in the real world, and the role of the private and public sectors in research and development.

**GEOG524 - Sustainable Development** 524-3 Sustainable Development. Analysis of the human, economic, technological, environmental and political dimensions of sustainable development focusing on public and private sector institutions that manage renewable and non-renewable natural resources. Emphasis is sustainable development as applied to: (a) population, (b) energy and the atmosphere, and (c) agricultural impacts on soil and water resources.

**GEOG526 - US Environmental Policy** 526-3 US Environmental Policy. This course investigates the US system of environmental regulation: the background of social and environmental movements that influence US policy and the agencies involved in US environmental regulation. Emphasis is on US regulations and US participation in global environmental policies. Overall, the focus is on spatial variations in environmental regulations; or the geography of environmental quality.

**GEOG528 - GIS Portfolio/Capstone Project** 528-3 GIS Portfolio/GIS Capstone Project. Independent development and implementation of a major GIS project based on analysis of spatially referenced data sets to produce digital products and to solve real world problems. Data obtained from multiple sources, including downloads from online sources, field collected data, and published map data. A project portfolio and a poster approved by the instructor must be submitted for successful completion. Prerequisite: GEOG
401 or GEOG 502 and GEOG 406 or GEOG 506, with a grade of C or higher, or consent of instructor. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG529 - Sem Geog Local/Organic Food** 529-3 Seminar: Geography of Local and Organic Food. A discussion of geographic topics in local and organic food and farming. This includes: spatial distributions, landscapes, policy influences, organic agricultural productivity, food safety, consumer concerns, organic farmers' decision making, organic marketing, local food systems, and organic certification. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG531 - Climate Data and Analysis** 531-3 Climate Data and Analysis. This course focuses on identifying, locating, and applying appropriate climate data sets (e.g., station observations, atmospheric reanalyses, and climate model output), techniques for obtaining and processing these data sets, and methods commonly used for applied climate analysis. Student-lead, applied research projects provide students with the opportunity to utilize a variety of data sets and analytical tools introduced during the semester. The curriculum is organized around current practical problems from a variety of disciplines and identifying and analyzing appropriate data sets to address them. Students will become familiar with a range of computational packages, including Excel, SPSS, and Matlab. Students should have a basic understanding of climatology and statistics prior to taking this class.

**GEOG533 - Adv Field Methods Geography** 533-3 Advanced Field Methods in Geography. Quality geographic research depends on obtaining reliable data through an informed research design. Exploring both social and environmental processes, students will actively participate in developing and conducting investigations. Using the SIU Carbondale campus and surrounding region as a laboratory, lab exercises will include human geography, geomorphology, climatology and biogeography. Analytical techniques will include statistics and mapping. Lab fee: $20.

**GEOG534 - Water Resources Hydrology** 534-3 Water Resources Hydrology. This course covers the major components of the hydrologic cycle with emphasis on surface water and fluvial (stream) processes. Students will gain a detailed understanding of the major hydrologic processes and develop substantial experience in collecting, compiling, and analyzing hydrologic data for use in water resource analysis and management.

**GEOG536 - Natural Hazards** 536-3 Natural Hazards. This course introduces students to the geophysical and human dimension of natural hazards and focuses on five main areas: 1) characterization of natural hazards; 2) human dimensions of natural hazards; 3) natural hazard risk assessment; 4) natural hazard mitigation planning; and 5) the use of geospatial tools and models used in risk assessments and mitigation planning activities. Students will develop a fundamental understanding of both geophysical and human dimensions of natural hazards and an awareness of how natural hazards can develop into disasters.

**GEOG539 - Seminar Global Climate Change** 539-3 Seminar on Global Climate Change. This course examines the major environmental, social and policy issues relevant to global climate change, including natural and anthropogenic causes, environmental pollution, land use/land cover change, extinction and biodiversity issues, and potential climate change-related impacts on human health. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG540 - Water Resources Management** 540-3 Water Resources Management. This interdisciplinary course is taught in a hybrid lecture/seminar style. Students review the physical science, biological science, and environmental policy which underpin water resource management. In addition, students explore human impacts on water resources and the role that water management plays in striking a sustainable balance between needs of humans and aquatic ecosystems.

**GEOG554 - Conservation and Environ** 554-3 Conservation and Environmental Movements. Emphasizes the ways in which humans view and interact with the environment. Conservation literature and the works of influential environmentalists are studied. Specific theories and environmental movements which help to explain society's current perception and use of the environment are studied.

**GEOG556 - Geographic Visualization** 556-3 Geographic Visualization. This course will provide an overview of geographic visualization with a concentration on theories, concepts and approaches of information visualization. Lectures and laboratory exercises will focus on the practical issues of exploratory data analysis (EDA), cartographic design process, web cartography, data quality.
and generalization, thematic mapping, map animation and multimedia applications. The course will provide students with a working knowledge of commercial software commonly used for graphic-based applications. Students are expected to utilize the hands-on experience gained from the lab exercises to further enhance their proficiency in graphic software. Two hours of seminar and classroom presentations, two hours of studio exercises each week. Lab fee: $30.

**GEOG570 - Contemp Issues Env Studies** 570-3 Contemporary Issues in Environmental Studies. Background, current, and future issues linking social responses to scientifically relevant environmental issues. Students learn about the multiple geographic, social and ecological factors that influence environmental citizenship and participation. Topics include conservation/preservation, green jobs, environmental non-governmental organizations, policy influences, and environmental education. Lectures, guest lectures, and seminar style discussions. Students develop and demonstrate skills in problem solving, communication, and professionalism.

**GEOG580 - Internship in Geography** 580-3 Internship in Geography. Supervised field work in private or public organization dealing with environmental management or GIS. A report or professional poster on the work is required at the end of the semester. Special approval needed from the department.

**GEOG591 - Independent Studies** 591-2 to 4 Independent Studies in Geography. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG593A - Research Environ Sustain** 593A-2 to 24 (2 to 6 per semester) Research in Environmental Sustainability. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG593B - Research GIS** 593B-2 to 24 (2 to 6 per semester) Research in Geographic Information Science. Prerequisite: GEOG 500 and GEOG 501. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG593C - Research Climate & Water** 593C-2 to 24 (2 to 6 per semester) Research in Climate & Water Resources. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG596 - Field Course** 596-2 to 4 Field Course. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG599 - Thesis** 599-2 to 6 Thesis. Restricted to graduate standing.

**GEOG601 - Continuing Enrollment** 601-1 per semester Continuing Enrollment. For those graduate students who have not finished their degree programs and who are in the process of working on their thesis or research paper. The student must have completed the minimum thesis or research hours before being eligible to register for this course. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted. Graded S/U or DEF.

**GEOG699 - Postdoctoral Research** 699-1 Postdoctoral Research. Must be a Postdoctoral Fellow. Concurrent enrollment in any other course is not permitted.

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