

GEOGRAPHIC STUDIES, MINOR

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences

Minor

The minor in Geographic Studies is defined by its concern with place. Geographers strive to answer spatial questions regarding the Earth's surface; to describe and explain the character of regions; to ascertain the ways in which historical and contemporary humans have used and shaped the Earth's surface; and to understand the interactions of physical, biotic, and human systems within our global environment. The minor is compatible with a variety of environmental majors in the college.

The minor is sponsored by the Department of Human Ecology, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Design Program (<https://catalog.ucdavis.edu/departments-programs-degrees/human-ecology/landscape-architecture-bs/>).

Minor Advisor

David De La Pena; see academic advisor Galyna Erdman (gerdman@ucdavis.edu) in 1331 Hart Hall.

Code	Title	Units
LDA 010	World Regional Geography (Discontinued for spring 2026) **	3
or LED 010	World Regional Geography	
Choose at least one course from three areas:		17
<i>Human Geography</i>		
AAS 100	Survey of Ethnicity in the US	
AAS 107C	African Descent Communities & Culture in Asia	
AAS/DRA 155A	African-American Dance & Culture in the United States, Brazil & the Caribbean	
AAS 172	Diaspora & New Black Identities	
AAS 176	The Politics of Resources	
AAS 180	Race & Ethnicity in Latin America	
AAS 182	Hip Hop Culture & Globalization	
CRD 140	Dynamics of Regional Development	
CRD 141	Organization of Economic Space	
CRD 142	Rural Change in the Industrialized World	
NUT 120BN	Nutritional Geography	
OR other upper division courses approved by the advisor		
<i>Physical Geography</i>		
ESM 120	Global Environmental Interactions	
ESM/PLS 144	Trees & Forests	
EVE 147	Biogeography	
WFC 110	Biology & Conservation of Wild Mammals	
WFC 111	Biology & Conservation of Wild Birds	
WFC 120	Biology & Conservation of Fishes	
WFC 156	Plant Geography	
WFC 157	Coastal Ecosystems	
OR other upper division courses approved by the advisor		
<i>Methods in Geography</i>		

ABT 181N	Concepts & Methods in Geographic Information Systems
ABT/HYD 182	Environmental Analysis Using GIS
ESM 185	Aerial Photo Interpretation & Remote Sensing
ESM 186	Environmental Remote Sensing
LDA/ABT 150	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (LDA 150 Discontinued for winter 2026) **
LED/ABT 150	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
Other upper division courses approved by the advisor.	
<i>Individual Study</i>	
Select a maximum of 4 units of 192 (Internship) or 199 (Research) in any appropriate department.	
Total Units	20

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Course(s) discontinued; see your advisor for course options.