



Grand Rapids Community College

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Western Michigan University Geography Curriculum Guide

Introduction

The Geography department offers a liberal arts major that prepares students for a variety of careers in both the public and private sectors. If you decide to major in geography at WMU, you will have the option to pursue one of three specialized areas: Geographic Information, Environmental Analysis and Resource Management, or Secondary Education.

The department of Geography at WMU offers three majors and one minor:

- ❖ **Geography** is concerned with the occurrence, distribution, and interrelationships of the earth's physical and social elements. Geography is unique in that it is both a physical and a social science. Specializations in Geography include, Climatology, Environmental Analysis and Resources Management, Geographic Information Science, and Economic and Regional Development.
- ❖ **Community and Regional Planning** prepares students to be professional planners who have strong foundations in theory and practice of urban and regional planning with particular focus on small cities and their regional communities.
- ❖ **Tourism and Travel** is designed for students planning to pursue careers in the tourism industry.

Courses to take at GRCC:

WMU courses

GEOG 1020

GEOG 1050

GEOG 2050

GEOG 3800

GRCC courses

GE 135 (Tourism only)

GE 132

GE 210

GE 253 (required for Tourism & Geography majors)

Community and Regional Planning students may also take:

ECON 2010

EC 252

ECON 2020

EC 251

STAT 2160 or 2600 or 3660

MA 215

Western Essential Studies (WES) requirements and other notes:

- ❖ Please see the [WMU Essential Studies \(WES\) transfer guide.](#)

- ❖ All students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences must meet the world language proficiency by completing two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or American Sign Language or passing WMU's proficiency by exam. Please contact the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Advising Office at (269) 387-4366 with any questions. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the MTA satisfy the world language requirement.
 - If the student's first language is not English, then the student is exempt from this requirement. Determination of eligibility for this exemption is based on whether the student was required to take the TOEFL test for admission and can be verified through the WMU departments of Spanish or World Language and Literatures.
- ❖ The College of Arts & Sciences recommends that you apply to WMU at least nine months prior to your anticipated start date.
- ❖ For specific information about WES, please contact the College of Arts & Sciences advising department.
- ❖ For more specific information about geography, please contact the advisor below.

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