



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**Kirtland Community College**

**Fall 2016**

## **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, and 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;
- **Secondary Education - Social Studies/Geography Minor** is designed to develop a teacher corps more skilled in contemporary geography. This minor is currently suspended but is expected to open again in 2017.

### **Courses to take at Kirtland:**

#### **WMU courses**

#### **Kirtland courses**

No Geography courses are transferable from Kirtland at this time.

**Community and Regional Planning** students may also take:

ECON 2010

ECO 20200

ECON 2020

ECO 20100

STAT 2160 or 2600 or 3660

MTH 20600

### **General Education requirements:**

- Please see the [general education program transfer guide](#);

- Please check with WMU, College of Arts and Sciences advisors for information about the general education requirements;
- Two semesters of a foreign language are required in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). The requirement can be met by:
  - Completing a minimum of 2 years of one high school language, with a B- or higher grade in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester or at any point after that, if more than 2 years are completed;
  - Completing 2 semesters in college;
  - Or through passing a language proficiency test. Please contact the WMU World Languages department for languages other than Spanish, and the WMU Spanish department for that language. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the Michigan Transfer Agreement satisfy the world language requirement;
- The College of Arts and Sciences also requires a critical thinking course, to be chosen from Proficiency 4c (see the general education link in the first bullet, above). MACRAO or the MTA will cover this requirement.

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