

# Geography

## Geography AA-T

The Associate in Arts in Geography for Transfer degree is designed to provide students with an understanding of the major aspects of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere, and biosphere and how these realms relate to, and interact with the development and functioning of human cultural patterns. The courses have a strong real-world focus. This knowledge will be helpful in the student’s upper-division course work. While a baccalaureate degree is recommended preparation for those considering professional careers in this field, the completion of this suggested program will demonstrate commitment to the field, and provide comprehensive preparation for upper division work. The Associate in Arts in Geography for Transfer degree is designed to prepare students for a seamless transfer into the CSU system to complete a baccalaureate degree in Geography or similar major.

### Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

- define and demonstrate understanding of terms and concepts used during the courses
- describe and explain Geographic patterns as they related to the courses
- describe and analyze maps relative to physical/cultural people and places
- demonstrate and understanding of geographical factors as they relate to physical and cultural diversity around the world
- demonstrate an understanding of human/environment interactions and consequences of these interactions

### Associate Degree for Transfer requirements (pursuant to SB 1440):

- Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis
- Complete IGETC or CSU General Education – Breadth requirements
- Complete total of 60 CSU transferable semester units
- Complete all required courses for the major or area of emphasis with a “C” or better
- Obtain an overall minimum grade point average of 2.0

Course #	Title	Units
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
GEOG 001 .....	Physical Geography .....	4
GEOG 002 .....	World Regional Geography .....	3
GEOG 003 .....	Cultural Geography .....	3
GEOG 018 .....	Geography of California .....	3
GEOL 001 .....	Physical Geology With Lab .....	4
<b>Choose 2 of the following</b>		
GEOG 010 .....	Los Angeles Urban Geography Field Course .....	1
GEOG 011 .....	Death Valley Geography Field Course .....	1
GEOG 012 .....	Grand Canyon Geography Field Course .....	1
GEOG 013 .....	San Francisco Urban Geography Field Cour .....	1
	Total.....	19
	CSU-GE-B or IGETC requirements (allowing double counting).....	37-39
	CSU Transferable Electives.....	12-14
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>60</b>

*This is a recommended sequence of courses for timely completion of this program. Entry in to transfer level English and math is required to follow this recommended sequence. Please see your counselor to formalize your personalized educational plan or for alternative planning.*

SEMESTER 1	SEMESTER 2	SEMESTER 3	SEMESTER 4
ENG 001A .....	GEOG 001 .....	GEOG-012 or 013.....	GEOG 002 .....
MATH 025 .....	GEOG 018 .....	GEOL 001 .....	GEOG-010 or 011.....
COM-001 or 004.....	AREA-A3.....	BIO-010 or 015.....	POLSCI 001 .....
GEOG 003 .....	AREA-C1.....	HIST-017A or 017B.....	ELECTIVE 001-049.....
IS 001 .....	ELECTIVE 001-049.....	ELECTIVE 001-049.....	<b>14</b>

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The Associate Degree in Geography is designed to provide the West Hills College Lemoore transfer student with those lower division courses that can be applied to geography major or minor at the upper division level.

The program consists of 24 units that fit primarily Social, but also Physical Science majors. Geography’s overall integration of the Social and Physical Sciences causes it to be applicable at the Associate, Bachelor, or Master’s level to a number of careers including regional and urban planning, teaching, remote sensing intelligence and interpretation, real estate, cartography, plus environmental engineering and management.

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**Associate Degree Requirements:**

- Complete a minimum of 18 semester units in a major or area of emphasis
- Complete Local General Education and District requirements
- Complete elective units for total of 60 degree applicable semester units
- Complete all required courses for the major or area of emphasis, English, and math with a “C” or better
- Obtain an overall minimum grade point average of 2.0

Course #	Title	Units
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		
GOEG-001.....	Physical Geography with Lab.....	4
GEOG 002.....	World Regional Geography .....	3
GEOG 003.....	Cultural Geography .....	3
GEOG 018.....	Geography of California .....	3
GEOG 010.....	Los Angeles Urban Geography Field Course .....	1
GEOG 011.....	Death Valley Geography Field Course .....	1
GEOG 012.....	Grand Canyon Geography Field Course .....	1
GEOG 013.....	San Francisco Urban Geography Field Cour .....	1
GEOG 016.....	Regional Field Studies .....	1
GEOL 001.....	Physical Geology With Lab .....	4
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>60</b>

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SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2		SEMESTER 3		SEMESTER 4	
ENG 001A .....	3	GEOG 002 .....	3	GEOG 001 .....	4	GEOL 001 .....	4
MATH 025 .....	4	GEOG 010 .....	1	GEOG 013 .....	1	GEOG 011 .....	1
GEOG 003 .....	3	GEOG 018 .....	3	ELECTIVE 001-049.....	10	GEOG 016 .....	1
GEOG 012 .....	1	ELECTIVE 001-049.....	8		15	ELECTIVE 001-049.....	7
IS-001 or HE-035.....	3		15				15
ELECTIVE-001-049.....	1						