

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

Human Geography

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

Physical Geography

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

Methods in Geography

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.