

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 |
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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.

Individual Study

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.