Geography - Courses

Archeology, ARCH

2500. Introduction to Archeology. 3 hours. A survey of the techniques, methods and theories of archeology. An important focus of the course is on the reconstruction of the culture and ecology of prehistoric societies in both the Old World and the New World. (Same as ANTH 2500.)

2800. Archeological Science. 4 hours. (3:1) Human prehistory and methods of scientific investigation; emphasizes archeological cultures from early hominid sites in East Africa to entry of peoples into the New World. Course stresses methods of interdisciplinary research, including geology, paleoenvironmental reconstruction, paleoecology, and artifact-attribute analysis. Labs employ artifacts and bones for study. May be used to satisfy a portion of the Natural Sciences requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

2900. Special Problems. 1-3 hours.

3650. Origins of Civilization. 3 hours. Comparative study of the cultural, technological and ecological patterns of change leading to urban civilizations. Surveys the archaeological evidence for the domestication of plants and animals, and the emergence of villages. The art, architecture, economic and sociopolitical characteristics of early civilizations in the Near East and Mesoamerica are examined. Prerequisite(s): ANTH 1010 or 2250 or ARCH 2500, or consent of department. (Same as ANTH 3650.)

4620. Topics in Archeology. 3 hours. Selected topics of interest and significance in archaeology. Subjects such as historic archaeology, Texas archaeology, New World archaeology, Old World archaeology and Meso-American archaeology are potential topics offered during different terms/semesters. Prerequisite(s): ARCH 2500 or consent of department. May be repeated for credit as topics vary. (Same as ANTH 4620.)

4810. Archaeological Field School. 6 hours. Comprehensive training in site survey, excavation techniques, laboratory processing, restoration and analysis of archaeological materials through direct participation in an archaeological field project. Prerequisite(s): ARCH 2500 or consent of department. Held off campus; room and board fees may be required. Usually offered only during the summer months and based on the availability of field projects. This course is taught in cooperation with the Institute of Applied Sciences. (Same as ANTH 4810.)

Geography, GEOG

1170 (GEOG 1302). Culture, Environment and Society. 3 hours. (Regional Science) Exploration of the dynamic relationships between culture and environment addressing ethnic diversity, conflict, development and underdevelopment, settlement patterns, movement of commodities and people (including refugees), and environmental degradation. Satisfies the Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

1200 (GEOG 1303). World Regional Geography. 3 hours. (Regional Science) Geographical characteristics, major problems and role of major world regions; emphasis on Central and South America, Africa, Middle East and Asia. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

1710 (GEOL 1401). Earth Science. 4 hours. (3:3) (Earth Science) Principles and processes of physical geography. Introduction to mapping, weather and climate, soil and vegetation, and landforms of rivers, coasts and deserts. May be used to satisfy a portion of the Natural Sciences requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

2900. Special Problems. 1-3 hours. Individual readings and laboratory research projects in geology, earth and regional sciences.

3010. Economic Geography. 3 hours. (Regional Science) Geographic principles applied to understanding regional specialization of economic activity. National and international variations in agriculture, energy, manufacturing, service activities and commodity flows. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1170, 1200, 4800 or consent of department.

3100. Geography of the United States and Canada. 3 hours. Regional analysis of the physical and human geography of the United States and Canada. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

3190. Quantitative Methods in Geography. 3 hours. Application of statistical techniques and mathematical models to spatial analysis, including both point and areal patterns. Examples drawn from both earth and regional science.

3750. Geography of Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa. 3 hours. (Regional Science) Deals with the problems and prospects of development in Sub-Saharan Africa; examines the opportunities, constraints and dilemmas of Sub-Saharan Africa's physical and cultural landscape, contemporary problems and the challenge of development and globalization. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

3800. Geography of Texas. 3 hours. The physical geography of Texas and the human response to the physical environment.

4030. British Isles Field School. 6 hours. Application of geographical field techniques in the British Isles and Ireland. The field school is centered on five basics sites – Plymouth, Cork, Galway, Aberystwyth and Edinburgh. At each site, students conduct one-day human and physical geography field exercises. Topics include mapping historic changes in commercial functions in Plymouth; combining field mapping, air photo and map analysis to measure coastal erosion in Cork; field survey of rural service provision in Tipperary County; physical and human dimensions of flood hazard in Aberystwyth; comparison of medieval, Georgian and modernist town planning in Edinburgh. Duration of field work is approximately three weeks. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1710 or GEOL 1610, and GEOG 1170 or GEOG 1200, or consent of department.

4040. Ghana Field School. 6 hours. (Regional Science) Geography of health and economic development in Ghana. Trip includes visits to herbalists, hospitals and rural clinics, a gold mine, slave castles, and industrial sites such as cocoa processing plants and timber mills. Duration of field work is approximately three weeks. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 3750 or consent of department.

4050. Cartography and Graphics. 3 hours. (1:2) Construction and interpretation of topographic maps; thematic mapping of geographically referenced data; field mapping and surveying techniques; introduction to global positioning systems and computer cartography.

4060. Applied GIS: MapInfo Professional. 3 hours. (1:2) An introduction to conceptual and practical aspects of geographic information systems. Emphasis on applications, using socio-demographic and business examples. Topics include: importing and mapping census data, creating and editing map attribute databases, geocoding, buffering, aggregating data, thematic maps and applications.
4120. Medical Geography. 3 hours. \textit{(Regional Science)}
Locational aspects of disease and health care, spatial patterns of
diseases, health facilities, health care policies and problems.
Prerequisite(s): GEOG 4800 or consent of department.

4170. Map-Air Photo Analysis. 3 hours. Evaluation and interpretation of
aerial photography and satellite images from the most common sensing
device. Prerequisite(s): GEOL 1610, GEOG 1710, 4800, or consent of
department.

4210. Urban Geography. 3 hours. \textit{(Regional Science)}
The urban geography of advanced nations. Specific topics
include urban systems analysis, the internal geography of
cities and contemporary spatial and social changes in urban areas.
Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1170, 1200, 2400 or consent of department.

4240. Meteorology. 3 hours. \textit{(Earth Science)}
Weather elements and controls; air masses and upper air wind flow;
emphasis on atmospheric storm systems. Prerequisite(s):
GEOG 1710 or consent of department.

4250. Climatology. 3 hours. \textit{(Earth Science)}
Description and analysis of world climates; major classifications, controls,
regional distribution and change. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1710
or consent of department.

4350. Geomorphology. 3 hours. \textit{(Earth Science)}
Processes of landform analysis. Glacial, desert, fluvial and other settings
are reviewed along with basic processes of construction, erosion and weathering.
Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1610, GEOG 1710, or consent of department.

4400. Introduction to Remote Sensing. 3 hours. \textit{(2;1)}
Principles of remote sensing technology, including the
physics of energy for remote sensing, aerial photography,
digital imaging, airborne and space-borne multispectral/
hyperspectral scanners, and thermal and microwave imaging.
Analytical techniques and applications of remotely sensed
data in geography and other fields are introduced. Skill
training of handling both analog and digital remote sensing
data manually and with digital image processing systems
is provided. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1710 or GEOG 1610
or consent of department.

4410. Location-Allocation Modeling. 3 hours. \textit{(Regional Science)}
Introduction to location-allocation models for service delivery. Covering,
p-median, p-center and hierarchical models and their applications; data accuracy,
aggregation and distance problems in location-allocation
modeling. Prerequisite(s): CSCI 1100, GEOG 4800, or consent of department.

4420. Conservation of Resources. 3 hours. Designed to
encourage an awareness of the need for wise use and proper
management of the natural resources on which human
welfare depends; how resources management operates in the
framework of laws and policies, technical resource knowledge,
education, and economics.

4500. Introduction to Geographic Information Systems. 4 hours. \textit{(2;4)}
Introduces the concepts and applications of
computer-based spatial data handling, known as geographic
information systems (GIS) technology. Illustrates the
essential methods of GIS and its applications in fields
including geography, business, administration, planning and
environmental science. Students gain application skills via
a series of laboratory exercises illustrating problem solving
strategies using different up-to-date software packages.

4520. Intermediate Geographic Information Systems. 4 hours. \textit{(2;4)}
Step-by-step approach to applied GIS database
construction and maintenance, spatial data integration and
analysis, and cartographic presentation. Topics include the
advanced spatial data models and structures for vector-based
GIS, commonly used map projections and coordinate systems,
and design and implementation of a GIS project in an area
pertinent to the student's interests. Prerequisite(s): GEOG
4500 or consent of department.

4550. Advanced Geographic Information Systems. 3 hours. Advanced
spatial analysis through the use of specialized
computer software and the design and development of spatial
databases. The course includes project planning, database
development, data manipulation and analyses, cartographic
output and project presentation. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 4520
or consent of department.

4560. Geographic Information Systems Programming. 3 hours. \textit{(1;2)}
Geographic information system customization.
Introduction to object-oriented programming. Designing
software for visualization of spatial data, database query,
function extension and graphical user interface cus-
tomization. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 4500 or consent of department.

4750. Fluvial Geomorphology. 3 hours. \textit{(Earth Science)}
Examines the role of rivers as geomorphic agents.
Includes discussion of the systems approach to fluvial
geomorphology, fluid mechanics of open-channel flow,
sediment and solute transport, channel morphology and
river adjustments to environmental change at various time scales.
Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1610, GEOG 1710 or consent of department.

4800. Applied Geography. 3 hours. Capstone course required
of all geography majors. Requires comprehensive research
paper. Problem solving by application of geographic concepts,
methodologies and techniques. Examples drawn from
physical and human geography. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 3190
plus 9 advanced hours in geography, and junior or senior standing.

4900–4910. Special Problems. 1-3 hours each.

4920. Cooperative Education in Geography. 3 hours.
Job experience in a government agency and/or business for
geography majors. Requires participation in a formal project.
Prerequisite(s): a minimum of 12 hours completed in the
major, a 2.5 GPA in the major and consent of the internship
director. May apply toward Group A, Group B or Techniques
group at discretion of adviser. May be repeated for credit.

4960. Geography Institute. 3 hours. For students accepted by
the university as participants in special institute courses. May
be repeated for credit as topics vary.

\textbf{Geology, GEOL}

1610 (GEOL 1403). Introductory Physical Geology. 4 hours. \textit{(3;3)}
A systematic introduction to geology; internal and
external processes that contribute to the earth's rock
record; includes consideration of minerals, the earth's interior,
volcanoes, mountain building, and terrestrial and oceanic
sedimentation. \textit{May be used to satisfy a portion of the Natural Sciences requirement of the University Core Curriculum.}

3000. Geology of Texas. 3 hours. Rocks, minerals, fossils
and geologic history of Texas; the state's stratigraphic
sequence, structural geology and mineral resources; field trips.
Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1610, GEOG 1710 or consent of
department.

3020. Historical Geology. 3 hours. Topics to include
stratigraphy, sedimentology, plant and animal fossils,
geologic time, continental drift, tectonics, former seas and
past environments. Emphasis on geologic history of North America. Field trips. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1610.
4630. Soils Geomorphology. 4 hours. (3;3) Methods and applications of soils and landform analysis. Soils classification, formation processes and relationships to landforms and vegetation are stressed. Methods of soils description, mapping and physical-chemical analysis are taught, and applications to study of landscape change and land-use planning are emphasized. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 3350 or consent of department.

4650. Environmental Geology. 3 hours. Geologic aspects of land-use planning: earthquakes, landslides, volcanoes, coastal processes, streams and flooding, soils, groundwater, and waste disposal; planning for the future. Prerequisite(s): GEOL 1610, GEOG 1710 or consent of department.

4710. Geocology. 3 hours. The structure and function of geosystems, examining the dynamic interrelationships of geologic, biologic, climatic and human factors, as components of the global system. Investigates the development of different ecosystems from an evolutionary perspective, while specific processes are considered by integrating concepts and methods from physics, chemistry, biology and geology. The human components of geosystems are addressed with perspectives from ecological anthropology and human geography. A significant part of the course is an individual project culminating in a research paper. Prerequisite(s): GEOG 1710 and 8 hours in each field of physics, chemistry and biology, and consent of department.

4850. Introduction to Groundwater Hydrology. 3 hours. Topics to include principles of groundwater flow; aquifer properties and characteristics; geology of groundwater occurrence; groundwater development and methods for assessing and remediating groundwater contamination. Emphasis on application of basic principles. Prerequisite(s): MATH 1100 or equivalent; GEOL 1610, GEOG 1710 or consent of department.

Geography / History • Courses

History

History, HIST

1050 (HIST 2321). World History to the Sixteenth Century. 3 hours. From the origins of civilization to the 16th century. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

1060 (HIST 2322). World History from the Sixteenth Century. 3 hours. World civilization from 1500 to the present. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

1075. Honors World History to the Sixteenth Century. 3 hours. From the origins of civilization to the 16th century. Prerequisite(s): acceptance into the University Honors Program. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

1085. Honors World History from the Sixteenth Century. 3 hours. World civilization from 1500 to the present. Prerequisite(s): acceptance into the University Honors Program. Satisfies the Cross-cultural, Diversity and Global Studies requirement of the University Core Curriculum.

2610 (HIST 1301). United States History to 1865. 3 hours. From colonial origins through the Civil War.

2620 (HIST 1302). United States History Since 1865. 3 hours. From the Civil War to the present.

2675. Honors United States History to 1865. 3 hours. From colonial origins through the Civil War. Prerequisite(s): acceptance into the University Honors Program.

2685. Honors United States History Since 1865. 3 hours. From the Civil War to the present. Prerequisite(s): acceptance into the University Honors Program.

2900-2910. Special Problems. 1-3 hours each. Prerequisite(s): consent of department chair.

3150. Historical and Cultural Development of the Mexican-American Community. 3 hours. Historical evolution of Mexican-American culture, social structure, family patterns and community organizations, and their effects on education, economic and religious institutions.

3650. Representative American Leaders, Colonial Period to 1865. 3 hours. Examination and evaluation of major figures in the settlement and growth of the United States.

3660. Representative American Leaders Since 1865. 3 hours. Examination and evaluation of major figures during the Gilded Age and the 20th century.

3710. Diplomatic History of the United States to 1900. 3 hours. Diplomatic problems and general international relations.

3720. Diplomatic History of the United States from 1900 to 1945. 3 hours. Diplomatic problems and general international relations.

3750. Greek Civilization. 3 hours. From the Minoans to 146 BCE.

3760. Roman Civilization. 3 hours. From the foundation of Rome to the fall of the Roman Empire.

4010. History of Science and Technology to Newton. 3 hours. Science and technology from ancient times to the Scientific Revolution emphasizing the presuppositions of scientific inquiry, the relationship between science and technology, and their impact on society.