

Grand Valley State University
CLAS Academic Advising Center
 C-1-140 Mackinac Hall
 616-331-8585

Graduate Teacher Certification Planned Program
Geography Minor

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____ SID: _____

Phone: _____

Transfer Institution(s): _____

Required Courses (x)= completed / (*) = needs / (?) = course syllabus required for possible cr.

Course Number	✓	Course Name	Credits	Completed	Scheduled	Grade	Quality Points
GPY 100		Physical Geography	3				
GPY 220		Cultural Geography	3				
GPY 235		World Regional Geography	3				
		<i>Complete 3 Courses from the following (GPY 345 & GPY 353 are highly recommended for teachers¹)</i>					
GPY 345		Geography of Michigan/Great Lakes Region	3				
GPY 350		Geography of Russia and its Neighbors	3				
GPY 351		Geography of Africa	3				
GPY 352		Geography of Latin America	3				
GPY 353		Geography of Canada & the U.S.	3				
GPY 354		Geography of Asia	3				
GPY 355		Geography of Southwest Asia (The Middle East)	3				
GPY 356		Geography of Europe	3				
		<i>Complete 1 course from the following:</i>					
GPY 200		Computer Cartography	3				
GPY 307		Introduction to Computer Mapping/ Geographic Information Systems	3				
GPY 309		Introduction to City & Regional Planning	3				
NRM 250		Resource Measurement & Maps	4				
NRM 350		Aerial Photo & Remote Sensing	4				

Total Credits needed: 21

Cumulative GPA: 3.0 gpa is required for the GTC program

Special Considerations:

¹Required for teachers as of Summer 2008.

Notes:

Departmental Approval: _____

Date _____

1 copy student; 1 copy CLAS Advising Center File; 1 copy College of Education; 1 copy Major Program Advisor

Next Steps:

1. **If you have not already done so, you must attend a Graduate Teacher Certification workshop sponsored by the College of Education. You can schedule a time to attend by calling their Student Assistance Center at 616-331-6650.**
2. **Be prepared to provide any additional course materials, such as a syllabus or course description, especially for out of state classes and courses completed more than 10 years ago. This will help the academic departments when finalizing course evaluations and planned programs.**
3. **Contact the CLAS Academic Advising center to schedule an appointment if you need help registering.**
4. **Prior to admission to the program, you should schedule an appointment with the Graduate Teacher Certification Coordinator within the College of Education. You can schedule that appointment by calling 616-331-6650.**

The following details give information regarding the Graduate Teacher Certification Program and are taken directly from the Grand Valley State University catalog:

Graduate Teacher Certification. Candidates who already possess an approved baccalaureate degree may consider certification at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Because of the need for careful assessment in choosing the appropriate program, students should first contact the Student Information and Services Center to request background materials and register to attend one of the regularly scheduled information meetings. Candidates considering the graduate program must be able to undertake full-time study for approximately one calendar year. Minimum admission requirements for the graduate certification program include:

1. Completion of the baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution at least three years prior to application with a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the final 60 semester credits.
2. Possession of completion of a teachable major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Secondary candidates must also possess or complete a teachable minor before final certification.
3. Successful completion of Michigan Basic Skills Test.
4. Successful completion of Michigan Subject Area Test in teachable major.
5. Documentation of 25 hours age-appropriate experience with children or youth.
6. Current TB test report.
7. Signed statement regarding criminal activity.
8. Completion of EDG 619 Curricular Integration of Ed Technology.
9. Admission to graduate studies
10. Completion of application materials for graduate teacher certification program.

Candidates will be eligible for Michigan Provisional Certification after they successfully complete coursework, maintain a 3.0 GPA, and complete certain additional state requirements. These requirements include the Michigan Elementary Test for elementary candidates, or the completion of a teachable minor and the Michigan Subject Area Test in the minor for secondary candidates.