

CLAS Academic Advising Center – Grand Valley State University

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Geography Minor – Teacher Certification

Expertise in geography is important to all elementary and secondary education students. This minor provides education students with a foundation in human and physical geography, a strong understanding of concepts and principles of global and regional geography, a deep content understanding of regions of the world, and a basic competency in the use of geographic techniques. The minor requires a minimum of 24 credit hours.

Complete all of the following:

- _____ GPY 100 – Physical and Environmental Geography (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 220 – Cultural Geography (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 235 – Geography for a Changing World (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 345 – Geography and Land-Use Management of Michigan/Great Lakes Region (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 353 – Geography of the United States and Canada (3 cr.)
- _____ SST 310 – Strategies for Social Studies Teachers (3 cr.)
(Required for students starting Fall 2013)

Complete one of the following (may require junior standing):

- _____ GPY 350 – Geopolitics, Energy and Environment of Russia and Central Eurasia (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 351 – Geography of Africa (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 352 – Geography of Latin America (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 354 – Geography of Asia (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 355 – Geography of Southwest Asia (The Middle East) (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 356 – Geography of Europe (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 362 – Farmers, Crops and Our Challenging Agricultural World (3 cr.)

Complete one of the following:

- _____ GPY 200 – Computer Cartography (3 cr.) (Prerequisite: MTH 110)
- _____ GPY 307 – Intro. Geographic Information Systems (3 cr.)
(Prerequisite: Sophomore standing or permission of instructor)
- _____ GPY/PA 209 – Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning (3 cr.)
- _____ GPY 370 – Introduction to Remote Sensing (3 cr.)
- _____ NRM 250 – Resource Measurement and Maps (3 cr.)

It is imperative to meet with your faculty advisor or an advisor in the CLAS Academic Advising Center early in your career.

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