

GEOGRAPHY

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS (AA) DEGREE

GEOGRAPHY CONCENTRATION

For students considering a major in GEOGRAPHY upon transferring to a four-year institution, the Associate of Arts degree with a GEOGRAPHY concentration from ACC offers a strong foundation, providing essential courses that serve as building blocks for advanced study.

A concentration in GEOGRAPHY can lead to diverse career opportunities, including urban planning, natural resource management, medical fields, GIS and cartography, transportation and logistics, environmental and climate science, government and policy, education, international development, and disaster response.

Program Objectives

Upon graduating from ACC with an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in GEOGRAPHY, students will:

1. **Analyze** spatial patterns and relationships using geographic theories, methods, and technologies.
2. **Apply** geographic tools, including GIS and cartography, to solve real-world environmental and social challenges.
3. **Demonstrate** an understanding of human-environment interactions and their impact on global and local scales.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with an ACC Academic Advisor in GEOGRAPHY to ensure they meet specific program requirements, objectives, and transfer goals.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (PR)

ANP 121	CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (3/3)
GEO 127	PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (3/3)
PHY 124	Introduction to Physical Geology (4/5)
HST 122	HISTORY OF MODERN WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
SOC 123	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3/3)

GENERAL EDUCATION

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS

GROUP 1 (G1) – ENGLISH COMPOSITION

Six (6) semester credits are required, including ENG 111 or 121 and 112, 122 or 123

GROUP 2 (G2) – SCIENCES/MATHEMATICS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including at least one laboratory science course. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix). Note: Two (2) courses in Natural Sciences, including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines), in addition to MTH 118 or MTH 121 or higher, are required to achieve the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

GROUP 3 (G3) – SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eight (8) semester credits are required, including the Political Science or U.S. History courses used to satisfy the American Government requirement. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix).

GROUP 4 (G4) – HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

Eight (8) semester credits are required, and they must include either: a.) A combination of courses taken in more than one academic discipline (course abbreviation/prefix) or b.) HUM 241 and 242 — Humanities I and II. Note: Two (2) courses in Humanities and Fine Arts (from two disciplines and excluding studio and performance classes) are required for the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA).

ELECTIVE CREDITS (EC)

The remainder of credits for an AA degree with this concentration should be oriented toward additional courses in GEOGRAPHY when available or selected from **ANP, ART, ECN, EDU, ENG, GEO, HST, HUM, MUS, PFA, PHL, PLS, PSY, SOC, SPE**, and/or foreign language courses in consultation with an ACC Academic Advisor in GEOGRAPHY. It is strongly recommended that foreign language preparation begin as soon as possible, if pursued.

RECOMMENDED COURSES - SEQUENCE

GROUP 1-4 REQUIREMENTS + ELECTIVE CREDITS

Meets ACC degree distribution and MTA requirements
61 CREDITS - 64 CONTACTS

YEAR 1 FALL	14 CREDITS
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2	PHS 113 INTRO TO PHYSICAL SCIENCE (4/5)
G2	MTH 118 Math for Liberal Arts/QR (4/4)
G4	HST 121 EARLY WESTERN WORLD (3/3)

YEAR 1 SPRING	16 CREDITS
G1	ENG 111 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (3/3)
G2 PR	PHY 124 Intro to Physical Geology (4/5)
G3	PLS 221 AMERICAN GOVERNMENT & POLITICS (3/3)
G4 PR	HST 122 MODERN WESTERN WORLD (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)

YEAR 2 FALL	16 CREDITS
G2	GEO 127 PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY (4/5)
G3	ECN 231 ECONOMICS (MICRO) (3/3)
G3	PSY 101 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (3/3)
G4	HUM/FA HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)

YEAR 2 SPRING	15 CREDITS
G3 PR	ANP 121 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY (3/3)
G3	SOC 123 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (3/3)
G4	SPE 121 SPEECH COMMUNICATION (3/3) <i>or</i> SPE 123 PUBLIC COMMUNICATION (3/3)
EC	ELECTIVE GENERAL ELECTIVE (3/3)
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