GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY (GES)

GES 102 The Historical Geography of the Western World 3
A study of the geographical factors which combine to form the major cultural regions of North America, Europe, and Australia-New Zealand.

GES 103 Introduction to Earth Science 3
Survey of basic concepts and processes integrating the nature of the earth's three primary physical systems: the solid earth and continents; the ocean basins and the oceans; and the atmosphere's weather.

GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Notes: Students cannot receive credit for both GES 103 and GES 106/GE 106L.

GES 104 World Regional Geography 3
Geographical criteria that define the major cultural and functional world regions. Emphasis on regional methods of geographical study, with applications to current world events and situations.

GE Core: GSB
GE Marker: GL

GES 105 Introduction to Human Geography 3
Introduction to geographical characteristics of population, political systems, settlement patterns, and cultural mosaics.

GE Core: GSB
GE Marker: GN

GES 106 Geosystems Science 3
The earth's atmosphere, hydrological, and tectonic systems. Includes applications to natural resources management and environmental planning.

GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Corequisites: GES 106L.
Notes: Students cannot receive credit for both GES 103 and GES 106/GE 106L.

GES 106L Geosystems Science Laboratory 1
Laboratory exercises to accompany GES 106, which must be taken concurrently. Topics include atmospheric data analysis, topographic map interpretation, and hydrological measurements.

GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Corequisites: GES 106.
Notes: Students cannot receive credit for both GES 103 and GES 106/GE 106L.

GES 110 Introduction to Geography 3
Changing interaction of man and his environment and the resultant human and economic patterns in various parts of the world.

GES 111 Physical Geology 3
Survey of tectonic and erosional processes, mountain building, rivers, glaciers, deserts, and coastal landform development.

GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Corequisites: GES 111L.

GES 111L Physical Geology Laboratory 1
Laboratory demonstrations and map interpretation exercises to accompany GES 111, which must be taken concurrently.

GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Corequisites: GES 111.

GES 121 Introduction to Geographic Information Science 3
Introduction to the fundamental concepts of geographical information science (geographic data acquisition, representation, analysis, and interpretation). Technologies reviewed include topographic mapping, global positioning systems, aerial photography, and satellite remote sensing.

GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS

GES 162 Introduction to Sustainability Studies 3
Survey of sustainability from four perspectives; environment, economy, social equity, and aesthetics. Local, global, ethical, and experiential dimensions help prepare students to apply sustainability in a variety of contexts.

GES 164 Introduction to Environmental Studies 3
Interdisciplinary survey of environmental issues. Emphasis on sciences (biology, chemistry, ecology, geography). Also includes perspectives from social sciences (anthropology, economics, politics, sociology) and humanities (arts, history, literature, philosophy, religion).

GES 205 Environmental Change: Its Nature and Impact 3
Environmental changes related to human use of land, water, soils, minerals, and natural amenities. Planning for sustained use or preservation of land-based natural resources.

GES 301 Urban Geography: Global Patterns 3
Urbanization processes and the development of mega-cities and urban hierarchies emphasizing the differences between cities from across the world.

GE Core: GSB
GE Marker: GL

GES 302 Urban Geography: Land Use 3
Internal structure of cities, including the role of transportation systems, socio-economic development, and the physical environment. Emphasis on differences within cities.

GES 303 World Population Problems 3
Major world population problems, trends, and significant policy and action alternatives for the future. Impact of various geographical factors on problems and trends.

GES 304 Introduction to Transportation Analysis 3
Transportation systems as they affect human behavior and urban patterns, primarily within a North American context.

GES 305 Environmental Hazards Assessment 3
Nature and geographical distribution of short-lived environmental hazards including earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, volcanic eruptions, and landslides. Factors contributing to increased hazard potential. Alternative human responses to short-lived hazards.

Prerequisites: GES 103 or equivalent.

GES 306 World Economic Geography 3
Characteristics and location of the world's resources, theory of industrial location, world patterns of industry.

GE Core: GSB
GE Marker: GL
GES 312 Geomorphology of North America 3
A survey of the various landscape regions of the North America. Emphasis on the relationships between the geologic, erosional, and climatic processes occurring in each region.

GES 313 Natural Resource Regions of North America 3
Regional natural resource use and associated human interaction with the natural environment. Instruction takes place during an extended field trip across portions of North America.
Prerequisites: GES 103 or GES 314 and permission of instructor.

GES 314 Physical Geography: Landscape Processes 3
Examination of the processes responsible for the development of the earth’s varied terrain characteristics. Analysis of environmental problems involving human impact on landscape and river systems.
GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Prerequisites: GES 103 or equivalent.
Corequisites: GES 314L.

GES 314L Physical Geography Laboratory 1
Laboratory demonstrations and map interpretation exercises to accompany GES 314, which must be taken concurrently.
GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Corequisites: GES 314.

GES 315 The Geography of World Affairs 3
Contemporary problems and issues of and between nations of the world as they have evolved in their geographical settings.
GE Marker: GN

GES 319 Weather and Climate 3
Introduction to the nature, origin, processes, and dynamics of the atmosphere. Consideration also of human modification of the atmosphere and of climatic change.
GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Prerequisites: GES 103 or equivalent.
Corequisites: GES 319L.

GES 319L Climatology Laboratory 1
Laboratory work to accompany GES 319.
GE Core: GNS
LEC: GPS
Corequisites: GES 319.

GES 320 Tourism Planning and Development 3
Geographic distribution of tourist development. Emphasis on the spatial dimension of origin-destination flows, economic geography of the travel industry, socio-economic and environmental impacts. Emphasis on tourism planning issues.
Notes: Same as STH 320.

GES 322 Research Methods in Geography 3
Use of the scientific method, data collection, spatial analysis, and technical writing. Development of fundamental research and quantitative skills in geography.

GES 325 Experimental Course: Introduction to Spatial Analysis 3
Introduction to the basic concepts of spatial analysis (space, scale, location, and spatial data and their representation) as well as elementary statistical methods and their application in geographical analysis.
Prerequisites: GES 121.

GES 330 Elements of Hydrology 3
Introduction to the origin, properties, occurrence, circulation of the waters of the earth, including the application of hydrologic techniques for the evaluation of regional water budgets and problems relating to the conservation of water resources.
Prerequisites: GES 103 or GES 319 or GES 314, or permission of instructor.

GES 331 Sustainable Tourism and Transportation 3
Explores transportation networks utilized by the global tourism sector; their social, economic, and environmental dimensions, associated trends, associated negative impacts and resource usage and opportunities for planning sustainable transportation networks.
Notes: Same as STH 331.

GES 333 Geography of Europe 3
Examination of human and physical characteristics of the European region. Topics include settlement patterns, landscape evolution, patterns and spatial variation of economic activity, urbanization, and political divisions.
GE Marker: GL

GES 338 Regions of Latin America 3
Geographic distinctiveness of Latin American regions, with an emphasis upon the physical foundation, bases of past development, and recent transformation. Major consideration given to Mexico/Central America, Peru/Bolivia, and Brazil.

GES 340 Geography of East Asia 3
Examines dynamic economic, sociocultural, and political changes in East Asia by using geographical criteria to study physical and human resources influencing rapid modernization within an ancient framework.
GE Marker: GN

GES 344 Geography of the United States and Canada 3
Study of the human and physical characteristics of the United States and Canada, with emphasis on the former.
GE Core: GSB

GES 357 Principles of Cartography 3
The science of cartography with an emphasis on the use of maps as descriptive and analytical tools. Laboratory work introduces computer mapping, compilation, design, and symbolization.
Prerequisites: GES 121.

GES 358 Geographic Information Systems 3
Provides basic concepts and methods for capturing, storing, querying, analyzing, and displaying geospatial data using Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
Prerequisites: GES 121 or permission of instructor.

GES 359 Remote Sensing of Environment 3
Acquisition, analysis, and interpretation of digital and photographic imagery. Emphasis on use of satellite and aircraft imagery for classification and monitoring of the earth’s physical and cultural landscape.
Prerequisites: GES 121.

GES 360 Sustainable Campus Operations 3
Study of facilities operations for universities and similar organizations, emphasizing sustainable infrastructure and institutional change. Focus on professional development, applied knowledge, and experiential learning.
Prerequisites: GES 162 and GES 164, or permission of instructor.
GES 366 Environmental Studies Internship 3
150 hours of supervised work in a private, nonprofit, or public environmental agency; five two-hour seminars to discuss assigned readings and internship experiences; research paper or written field project required.
Prerequisites: Written permission of instructor.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when the internship site varies.
GES 368 Individual Study 1-3
Reading or research. Available to qualified students upon recommendation of supervising instructor.
Prerequisites: Departmental permission.
Notes: May be repeated for credit if the topic of study changes.
GES 370 Environment and Experience 1-3
Consideration of an environment or place emphasizing sustainability and experiential learning. Involves readings/lectures on ecological, economic, social, and aesthetic aspects; field work and/or travel; and reflective, synthetic, and/or research writing.
Prerequisites: GES 162 and GES 164 or permission of instructor.
Notes: May be repeated when the topic varies for up to 7 s.h. of credit in the major.
GES 382 Topics in Aesthetics and Ethics 3
Seminar dealing with topics in aesthetics and/or ethics as related to environmental and/or sustainability issues in an interdisciplinary framework.
Prerequisites: GES 162 and GES 164 or permission of instructor.
GES 384 Topics in Economics and Development 3
Seminar dealing with topics in economics and/or development as related to environmental and/or sustainability issues in an interdisciplinary framework.
Prerequisites: GES 162 and GES 164 or permission of instructor.
GES 386 Topics in Equity and Society 3
Seminar dealing with topics in equity and/or society as related to environmental and/or sustainability issues in an interdisciplinary framework.
Prerequisites: GES 162 and GES 164 or permission of instructor.
GES 388 Topics in Natural Sciences 3
Seminar dealing with topics in natural sciences as related to environmental and/or sustainability issues in an interdisciplinary framework.
Prerequisites: GES 162 and GES 164 or permission of instructor.
GES 402 Entrepreneurial Urban Planning 3
Fundamental concepts and techniques of urban planning as it relates to enhancing overall quality of life with a primary focus on land use patterns, the environment, business and entrepreneurship.
Notes: Same as ENT 502.
GES 404 Political Geography 3
A systematic overview of relationships among space, place, and politics at multiple geographic scales. Topics include boundaries, geopolitics, nationalism, resource distribution, means of controlling space, and the spatiality of globalization.
Prerequisites: Junior standing or permission of instructor.
GES 418 Biogeography 3
Study of the geographic distribution of organisms and the factors/processes accountable. Emphasis on the increasingly important role humans play in influencing biogeographic processes.
Prerequisites: GES 314 or GES 319 or BIO 301 or permission of instructor.
GES 419 Advanced Weather and Climate-Synoptic Climatology 3
Exploration of atmospheric dynamics and general circulation patterns throughout the world. Emphasis on cyclogenesis, surface-upper atmosphere links, tropospheric waves, vorticity, and forecasting.
Prerequisites: GES 319 or permission of instructor.
GES 421 Geographic Information Science 3
Principles and use of geographic information; emphases are on data acquisition and techniques of spatial analysis and display. Requirements include a substantial applied research project.
Prerequisites: GES 121, GES 357, GES 359.
GES 430 Researching Opportunities in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development 3
Students will learn how to conduct research necessary to make informed decisions for an entrepreneurial venture and measure and assess economic development opportunities. No business research experience necessary.
Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing.
Notes: Same as ENT 530, LIS 530, MKT 530.
GES 432 Geography of Livable Cities 3
Advanced study on the processes of urban population and economic growth from the perspective of urban livability. Emphasis on accessing and interpreting data from public or private sources.
GES 433 Regional Economic Development 3
Theories of location of economic activity; techniques to assess impact of types of economic activity; policy and institutional issues related to local, state, and global economic development.
GES 450 Applied Physical Geography 3
Applications in physical geography. Topics include field experience in hydrology, dendrochronology, geomorphology, climatology, and mapping.
Notes: May be repeated once when topic changes.
GES 451 Seminar in Regional Geography 3
Case studies of regionalism and the regional method in geography.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.
GES 457 Advanced Cartography 3
Advanced instruction in cartographic production techniques and introduction to cartographic research. Students will learn to evaluate academic literature and to implement research ideas using state-of-the-art technology.
Prerequisites: GES 357 or permission of instructor.
GES 458 Advanced Geographic Information Systems 3
Advanced concepts and methods in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Emphasis is placed on the analysis and modeling of geospatial data using raster and vector data models.
Prerequisites: GES 358 or permission of instructor.
GES 459 Advanced Remote Sensing-Imaging 3
Remote sensing of the environment using scientific visualization and
digital image processing techniques.
Prerequisites: GES 359 or permission of instructor.

GES 490 Special Problems in Geography 3
Opportunity for advanced students to undertake independent study of
field research of special interest.
Prerequisites: Permission of faculty member with whom student wishes
to work and at least 3 s.h. of previous work in geography.

GES 491 Current Topics in Regional Geography 3
Seminar dealing with major national and international topics in their
current geographical context.
Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

GES 493 Honors Work 3-6
Prerequisite: Permission of instructor; 3.30 GPA in the major; 12 s.h. in the
major;
Notes: May be repeated for credit if the topic of study changes.

GES 495 Internship in Geography 3
Practical experience in a professional setting related to the student’s
main topic of interest. Includes a research paper linking the topic to the
experience.
Prerequisites: Written permission required before registering for the
internship.

GES 601 Research Trends in Geography 1
Overview of major research themes in geography. Student will meet
faculty and other professional geographers, facilitating the development
of research through field experience, colloquia, and conferences.
Prerequisites: Admission to graduate program in geography.
Notes: Grade: Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (S/U).

GES 602 Entrepreneurial Urban Planning 3
Fundamental concepts and techniques of urban planning as it relates to
enhancing overall quality of life with a primary focus on land use patterns,
the environment, business and entrepreneurship.
Notes: Same as ENT 502.

GES 603 Understanding Geographic Information Systems 3
Study and application of geographic information systems for
professional problem-solving, spatial analysis, and mapping.

GES 604 Political Geography 3
A systematic overview of relationships among space, place, and politics
at multiple geographic scales. Topics include boundaries, geopolitics,
nationalism, resource distribution, means of controlling space, and the
spatiality of globalization.

GES 605 Regional Planning 3
Regional development and planning processes focused on regional
planning techniques and law.

GES 606 Environmental Planning 3
Examination and analysis of environmental concepts and their
relationship to various planning and management scenarios, including
environmental issues, strategies, and plans.

GES 607 Earth Science for Educators 5
Study of the processes that shape Earth's lithospheric, hydrospheric, and
atmospheric realms. Practicum and course content are synchronized
with the NC Standard Course of Study for Earth and Environmental
Science.

GES 608 Weather and Climate for Educators 5
Examination of Earth's physical atmospheric processes as they apply
to weather and climate systems. Practicum and course content are
synchronized with the NC Standard Course of Study for Earth and
Environmental Science.

GES 609 Hydrology for Educators 5
Examination of Earth's water sphere, including Earth-Atmosphere
interactions, and its importance as a resource. Practicum and course
content are synchronized with the NC Standard Course of Study for Earth
and Environmental Science.

GES 610 Physical Geology for Educators 5
Study of the materials that comprise Earth, and the processes shaping
its near-surface environment. Practicum and course content are
synchronized with the NC Standard Course of Study for Earth and
Environmental Science.

GES 611 Natural Hazards and Society for Educators 5
Study of the Earth's near-surface natural hazards, with discussion of
anthropgenic influences and societal consequences. Practicum and course
content are synchronized with the NC Standard Course of Study for Earth
and Environmental Science.

GES 612 Natural Resource Geography 3
Study of the Earth's near-surface natural hazards, with discussion of
anthropogenic influences and societal consequences. Practicum and course
content are synchronized with the NC Standard Course of Study for Earth
and Environmental Science.

GES 614 GIS Programming and Design Application 3
Theory and practice in the creation of Geographic Information Systems
using logic based programming and database construction tools.
Emphasis on modeling of spatial information and logic-based approaches
to GIS.
Prerequisites: GES 658.

GES 618 Biogeography 3
Study of the geographic distribution of organisms and the factors/
processes accountable. Emphasis on the increasingly important role
humans play in influencing biogeographic processes.
Prerequisites: GES 314 or GES 319 or BIO 301. or admission to graduate
program in geography; or permission of instructor.

GES 619 Advanced Weather and Climate-Synoptic Climatology 3
Exploration of atmospheric dynamics and general circulation patterns
throughout the world. Emphasis on cyclogenesis, surface-upper
atmosphere links, tropospheric waves, vorticity, and forecasting.
Prerequisites: Admission to graduate program in geography. or
permission of instructor.

GES 620 Spatial Analysis 3
Theory and practice in combining Geographic Information Systems
software with statistical analysis software. Emphasis will be on the
quantitative analysis and visual display of spatial information.
Prerequisites: GES 658 and STA 571 or equivalent.

GES 621 Seminar in Geographic Information Science 3
Research in geographic information science. Focus on current research
in application of remotely sensed imagery, geographic information
systems, and maps in the visualization and analysis of spatial data.
Prerequisites: GES 359 and GES 458 or GES 658 or permission of
instructor.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.
GES 622 GIS Applications in Urban Planning 3
Theory and practice integrating Geographic Information Systems with land use planning practice. Emphasis on advanced analysis and display of spatial data and information in support of land use planning decision-making.
Prerequisites: GES 322 (or equivalent) and GES 603 or permission of instructor.

GES 630 Researching Opportunities in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development 3
Students will learn how to conduct research necessary to make informed decisions for an entrepreneurial venture and measure and assess economic development opportunities. No business research experience necessary.
Notes: Same as ENT 530, LIS 530, MKT 530.

GES 631 Transportation Planning 3
Theory and practice of transportation planning with an emphasis on urban transportation systems.
Prerequisites: GES 602 or permission of instructor.

GES 632 Geography of Livable Cities 3
Advanced study on the processes of urban population and economic growth from the perspective of urban livability. Emphasis on accessing and interpreting data from public or private sources.

GES 633 Regional Economic Development 3
Theories of location of economic activity; techniques to assess impact of types of economic activity; policy and institutional issues related to local, state, and global economic development.

GES 634 Advanced Topics in European Geography 3
In-depth analysis of select advanced topics related to Europe. Combines systematic and regional traditions within geography. Possible themes include European integration, immigration, urbanization and cities, cultural preservation, tourism, the environment.
Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

GES 635 Geography of Asia 3
Examines dynamic economic, sociocultural, and political changes in Asia by looking at their roots in physical and human resources influencing rapid modernization within an ancient cultural framework.

GES 641 Earth Surface Processes and Landforms 3
Advanced systematic study of geomorphology with applications to human responses to natural hazards and environmental management.
Prerequisites: GES 314/GES 314L or equivalent advanced undergraduate course in geomorphology.

GES 650 Applied Physical Geography 3
Applications in physical geography. Topics include field experience in hydrology, dendrochronology, geomorphology, climatology, and mapping.
Notes: May be repeated once when topic changes.

GES 651 Seminar in Regional Geography 3
Case studies of regionalism and the regional method in geography.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.

GES 657 Advanced Cartography 3
Advanced instruction in cartographic production techniques and introduction to cartographic research. Students will learn to evaluate academic literature and to implement research ideas using state-of-the-art technology.
Prerequisites: GES 357 or permission of instructor.

GES 658 Advanced Geographic Information Systems 3
Advanced concepts and methods in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Emphasis is placed on the analysis and modeling of geospatial data using raster and vector data models.
Prerequisites: GES 358 or permission of instructor.

GES 659 Advanced Remote Sensing-Imaging 3
Remote sensing of the environment using scientific visualization and digital image processing techniques.
Prerequisites: GES 359 or permission of instructor.

GES 662 Sustainability 3
Seminar addressing sustainability in an interdisciplinary framework connecting natural sciences, equity and society, economics and development, and aesthetics and ethics. Open to graduate students in any field of study.
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.

GES 664 Seminar in Environmental Studies 3
Selected topics of current interest in environmental studies.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.

GES 690 Research Problems in Applied Geography 3
Independent study on a special topic of interest.
Prerequisites: Graduate course on the topic.
Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic varies.

GES 695 Internship 1-6
Practical experience in a professional setting related to the student’s main topic of interest. Includes written paper linking the topic to the experience.
Prerequisites: 18 hours in the M.A. in applied geography program.
Notes: May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours credit.

GES 699 Thesis 1-6
Prerequisite: Permission of Geography Thesis Committee.

GES 701 History of Geographic Thought 3
Seminar on the nature of geography and what geographers do. Focus on the history of the discipline approaches to its study, major paradigms, and application of geographic theory.
Prerequisites: Admission to doctoral program in geography or permission of instructor.

GES 702 Research Design 3
Design and execution of applied research projects as practiced by professional geographers.
Prerequisites: STA 571 or equivalent.

GES 720 Advanced Spatial Analysis 3
Theory and practice in spatial analysis with an emphasis on spatial statistics. Spatial pattern analysis, spatial association and interpolation, spatial data mining.
Prerequisites: GES 620.

GES 730 Seminar in Earth Science/Natural Resources 3
Directed readings and research proposal development on selected aspects of natural resource policy and management from the perspective of earth science.
Prerequisites: GES 612 or GES 641 or permission of instructor.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.

GES 740 Seminar in Urban Planning/Economic Development 3
Directed readings on selected aspects of urban planning/economic development focused on theory and policy issues from a geographic perspective.
Prerequisites: GES 602 or GES 633 or permission of instructor.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.
GES 741 Seminar in Regional Economic Development 3
A geographic perspective is applied to analysis of regional economic performance and change in the developed and developing world. Theory is integrated with strategies for development policy and planning.
Prerequisites: GES 633 or permission of instructor.

GES 771 Doctoral Seminar in Geographic Information Science 3
Advanced seminar in the theory, practice, and technical aspects of Geographic Information Science.
Notes: May be repeated once for credit when topic changes.

GES 790 Independent Geographic Research 3
Independent study on topic of interest in theoretical geography.
Prerequisites: Graduate course in topic.
Notes: May be repeated for up to 6 credit hours.

GES 799 Doctoral Dissertation Research 1-21
Prerequisite: Completion of all PhD course requirements and examinations;
Notes: Required of all PhD in geography candidates. May be taken in two or more semesters.

GES 801 Thesis Extension 1-3
Thesis Extension.

GES 802 Dissertation Extension 1-3
Dissertation Extension.

GES 803 Research Extension 1-3
Research Extension.