Next Steps

Freshman Highlights
- Classes to take: GEO 103, 106/106L
- Schedule time to meet with an academic advisor in the Students First Office to develop a 4-year plan
- Apply to participate in special interest housing
- Sign up early for tutoring and Supplemental Instruction through Student Success Center
- Log into SpartanCareers to view jobs and start your career
- Check out undergraduate research opportunities
- Review the ExploreIt! Shadow Program

Senior Year Highlights
- Meet with your faculty advisor to finalize your plans
- Apply for graduation via University Registrar - watch out for deadlines
- Take the “Senior Check Up” to see what skills or experiences you should make use of at Career Services
- Start applying to jobs and graduate programs
- Attend Career Fairs
- Network, network, network

Sophomore Highlights
- Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you are on track in completing your GEC requirements
- Visit Students First Office to estimate your GPA and review your degree evaluation
- Visit Career Services Center to talk with a Peer Career Ambassador. Time to get your major confirmed and resumed started
- Attend Career Services Theme Weeks
- Begin to develop your professional network

Junior Highlights
- Discover leadership opportunities through clubs and organizations
- Check out opportunities—Office of Leadership & Service Learning
- Visit Career Services Center to complete your resume, practice interviewing, learn about graduate school, and/or prepare your internship search action plan
- Attend Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions
- Continue to build your professional network by speaking with faculty, employers, and alumni
- Complete a Course Overload Form in Student First Office if you need to register for more than 18 hours

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csc.dept.uncg.edu

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Geography
Concentrations: Urban Planning, Earth Science/Environmental Studies, Geographic Information Science

WHERE IT CAN TAKE YOU
Sample Work Functions
Those who study this major generally direct their skills, experience, and knowledge towards the following career functional areas:
- Archaeologist
- Cartographer
- City Planner
- Ecologist
- Geologist
- Geophysicist
- Meteorologist
- Teacher
- Seismologist
- Surveyor
- Travel Manager

Sample Work Settings
Here is a sample of work settings (or work environments) that might interest someone with this educational background:
- Aerial Survey Firms
- Architectural Firms
- Business Corporations
- Universities & Colleges
- Think Tanks
- Consulting
- Planning Departments
- Publishing
- Travel Agencies
- Research Foundations
- Federal & State Government
- K-12 Education
- Non Profit Organizations
- City/State Government

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Organizations Where Our Alumni Have Gone
- Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation
- Housing Development Alliance, Inc.
- Schnibel Engineering
- Davidson County Government
- City of Greensboro

HOW TO GET THERE
Try on this major
There are several courses within the Geography department that any UNCG student can take as a way to “try on” the major and determine if it’s a good fit for you. Talk with your advisor if you are interested in “trying on” this major.

GEO 105: Cultural Geography
GEO 103: Introduction to Earth Science

These courses fulfill degree requirements as outlined in the Undergraduate Bulletin.

When to take coursework
Students pursuing a degree in Geography are required to take several different General Education Core (GEC) and College Addi-
tional Requirements (CAR) courses during their freshman and sophomore years. To ensure that you stay on track to graduate, talk with your advisor about registering for the following courses:
- ENG 101—first semester freshman year
- GEO 106/GEO 106L—first semester freshman year
- OR GEO 103—first semester freshman year

Campus Organizations & Clubs and Professional Associations
- Geography Club
- Graduate Geography Student Association
- Association of American Geographers

Special Interest Housing
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- Lloyd International Honors College
- Living-Learning Communities
- Residences Colleges
- Themed Communities

Past Internship Sites
Note: this is a partial listing of where students have interned in the past. Internships are not guaranteed; work with your academic program and the Career Services Center to strategize your plans for an internship to complement your studies.
- Periscope
- Target
- US Home Exteriors
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Sample Graduate Programs
Students graduating from this undergraduate program also look at continuing their education in these sample programs:
- Planning and Development
- Law School
- Geography
- Earth Science
- Business Programs
- Education

GPA & Other Requirements
Once you declare a Communication Studies major and select your academic concentration, you want to be sure you are aware of the various GPA and program requirements. Knowing these in advance will help you stay on track each semester and in planning out your long-term goals.

Concentration
GPA & Program Requirements
Geography (BA) Concentrations:
- Urban Planning
- Earth Science/Environmental Studies
- Geographic Information Science
- A grade of C or higher must be earned for all major requirements courses.
- For the concentration in Geographic Information Science, a capstone course (GEO 421) is required and completed in the final semester.

Application Procedures
Geography as a second concentration for High School Teaching Licensure*
- Minimum Major GPA 2.75
- Achieve minimum score on Praxis I, ACT, or SAT
- Completed background check

*This licensure program relies heavily on early and adequate advising. It is the student’s responsibility to meet as soon as possible with both his/her major advisor and the secondary education advisor in the School of Education Office of Student Services.

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