

# GEOGRAPHY

## Associate of Art/Associate of Science degree



### Program and Career Description:

The Geography emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Students can pursue careers in many fields, including land use planning, computer mapping, social science research, and teaching. Geography majors with advanced higher education can teach at the college level. A few examples of career and salary estimates are listed below.

Career	Entry Level	Median	Experienced
Urban and Regional Planners	\$37,248	\$51,952	\$64,187
Social Scientist	\$39,554	\$57,899	\$71,622
Cartographer	\$37,407	\$47,775	\$59,105
GIS Technologist	\$38,440	\$65,289	\$80,218
Geography Teacher (secondary)	\$38,343	\$47,778	\$54,701
Geography Teacher (postsecondary)	\$30,174	\$61,162	\$73,396

Career and salary information taken from [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov) and [jobs4tn.gov](http://jobs4tn.gov). Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

### Transfer Options

Per the *Complete College Tennessee Act of 2010*, this degree will be transferable to any of the following universities offering a Baccalaureate degree in this major:

- Austin Peay State University
- East Tennessee State University
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Tech University
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Tennessee, Martin

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at [www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information](http://www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information).



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## Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Geography (A.A., A.S.)

### Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

#### Communications Requirement

ENGL 1010, 1020  
SPCH 1010 or SPCH 1030

#### History Requirement (Take 2 courses)

HIST 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020, 2030

#### Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)

ART 1030  
ARTH 2010, 2020  
ENGL 2015  
HUM 1130, 1131  
MUS 1030  
PHIL 1030, 2030, 2033  
THEA 1030  
Literature Options: ENGL 2130, 2230, 2310, 2320, 2920

#### Natural Sciences Requirement

GEOG 1010, 1020

#### Mathematics Requirement

MATH 1130

#### Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)

ANTH 1200, 1300  
ECON 2010, 2020  
PHED 2120  
POL 201  
POLS 1030, 1501, 2010  
PSYC 1030, 2130  
SOC 1010, 1020, 2010

#### Major Required Courses

GEOG 1030, 2010  
MATH 1530  
Electives\*

\*Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

#### Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- cumulative GPA must be 2.0.
- taking the Exit Exam.

### Sample Academic Plan

#### Sample Schedule

##### First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	Composition I	3
___ History Requirement		3
___ MATH 1530	Probability and Statistics	3
___ Social/Behavioral Sciences		3
___ GEOG 1030	Cultural Geography	3
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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##### First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	Composition II	3
___ SPCH 1010	Fundamentals of Speech Communication <b>or</b>	
___ SPCH 1030	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ History Requirement		3
___ Social/Behavioral Sciences		3
		<b>15</b>

##### Second Year – Fall Semester

___ Literature Requirement		3
___ MATH 1130	College Algebra	3
___ GEOG 1010	Physical Geography: The Atmosphere	4
___ Electives*		4
		<b>14</b>

##### Second Year – Spring Semester

___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ GEOG 1020	Physical Geography: Landforms	4
___ GEOG 2010	World Regional Geography	3
___ Electives*		5
		<b>15</b>

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60**

\*If pursuing the A.A. degree, 6 of the 10 elective hours must be one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities include demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to attain intermediate-level competency in foreign language before transferring. Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring.

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