

B.A. in Geography

Academic Program Guide for **New First-Year Students** (Effective Fall 2020)

Dept. of Geography, Planning & Sustainability

Students who entered Rowan University prior to Fall 2020 should follow the guide for their program and start year in consultation with their advisor.

Rowan University Graduation Requirements for all Majors / Degrees

- Students must complete at least 120 semester hours (sh) of coursework that apply to their Rowan University degree.
- Students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in Rowan University coursework. (Transfer courses/credit do not count toward the RU GPA.)
- A minimum of 30 sh of coursework must be completed at/through Rowan University.
- Only grades of "D-" or above may apply to graduation/degree requirements. (Some programs may set higher minimums.)
- Students must meet the Rowan Core and Rowan Experience Requirements.
 - An individual course can potentially satisfy one Rowan Core literacy and/or multiple Rowan Experience attributes.
 - Rowan Core and Rowan Experience designations are listed in course details in Section Tally (www.rowan.edu/registrar) and may also be searched on that site under "Attributes." A list of Rowan Core courses is here: <https://sites.rowan.edu/academic-affairs/officeofacademicaffairs/assessment/rowan-core/index.html>.
- Students must apply for graduation and should do so for the term in which they will complete all program requirements.

Program-Specific Graduation Requirements for this Major / Degree

- Students must receive a grade of C or better in all courses satisfying Major requirements

Rowan Core Requirements¹

Students must satisfy all six Rowan Core Literacies. A minimum total of 3 sh of coursework is required to satisfy each Literacy. With the exception of the 9 sh counted here for Communicative Literacy, credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (COML) Communicative Literacy: *Must be met by the following three courses or their official equivalents:*
- COMP 01111 College Composition I (3 sh) COMP 01112 College Composition II (3 sh) CMS 04205 Public Speaking (3 sh)
- (ARTL) Artistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:* GEOG 16160 (3 sh counted under major)
- (GLBL) Global Literacy *Recommendation from major:* GEOG 16100, GEOG 16110 or GEOG 16140 (3 sh counts under major)
- (HUML) Humanistic Literacy *Recommendation from major:* PLAN 31280
- (QNTL) Quantitative Literacy *Recommendation from major:*
- (SCIL) Scientific Literacy *Recommendation from major:* GEOG 16130 (4 sh counted under major)

[Subtotal of credits counted in this section: 9 s.h.]

Rowan Experience Requirements

Students must satisfy all three Rowan Experience attributes. Credits attached to the courses in this section will apply elsewhere.

- (LIT) Broad-Based Literature Attribute *Recommendation from major:*
- (WI) Writing Intensive Attribute *Recommendation from major:* GEOG 16490 (3 sh counted under major)
- (RS) Rowan Seminar Attribute² *Recommendation from major:* GEOG 16100 (3 sh counted under major)

Non-Program Courses (minimum 18 sh)

Courses in this section cannot be in the major department.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
Subtotal:					18 sh

¹ The Rowan Core requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college.

² The Rowan Seminar requirement is waived for all students transferring 24 or more approved credits into Rowan University at the time of initial entry.

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Major Requirements (40 sh)

SUMMARY OF MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- 6 sh of Introductory Geography Courses
- 16 sh of Geography Foundational Courses
- 18 sh of Geography Program Electives
- 40 sh total

INTRODUCTORY GEOGRAPHY COURSES

Take two of the following courses:

	Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
<input type="radio"/>	GEOG 16100	Earth, People and the Environment	Satisfies Global Literacy & Rowan Sem.			3
<input type="radio"/>	GEOG 16110	Cultural Geography	Satisfies Global Literacy			3
<input type="radio"/>	GEOG 16140	World Regional Geography	Satisfies Global Literacy			3
Subtotal: 6 sh						

GEOGRAPHY FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
GEOG 16160	Intro. to Mapping & GIS	Satisfies Artistic Literacy			3
GEOG 16130	Earth Science Laboratory	Satisfies Scientific Literacy			4
GEOG 16290	History & Methods of Modern Geography				3
GEOG 16390	Internship / Research Clinic				3
GEOG 16490	Senior Seminar in Geography	Satisfies WI requirement Prereqs COMP 01112; GEOG 16290			3
Subtotal: 16 sh					

GEOGRAPHY PROGRAM ELECTIVES

Majors must take **six additional courses (18 s.h.)** offered **within** the department, selected in consultation with the Geography Program Coordinator or academic advisor. It is imperative that these courses are chosen to complete a second major, minor, or CUGS offered by the Department.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
Subtotal: 18 sh					

Free Electives for this Major/Degree (53 sh)

Students should choose Free Electives that satisfy any Rowan Core or Rowan Experience requirements that are not fulfilled by Major or Non-Program courses.

Course #	Course Name	Course Attributes / Notes	Sem/Yr	Grade	Credits
Subtotal: 53 sh					

Total Program Credits Required for this Major / Degree: 120 SH