Geography Major—International/Regional Track (9/99)

_____ 12 credits Required Core
   _____ 100 Introduction to Geography 1 credit
   _____ 210 Physical Geography 5 credits
   _____ 230 Human Geography 3 credits
   _____ 270 Introduction to Mapping 3 credits

_____ 9 credits from Regional Courses
   _____ 261 Geography of Canada and the U.S. 3 credits
   _____ 362 Geography of Europe 3 credits
   _____ 363 Geography of South America 3 credits
   _____ 364 Geography of Asia 3 credits
   _____ 365 Geography of Middle America 3 credits
   _____ 366 Geography of Africa 3 credits
   _____ 368 Geography of the Former Soviet Union 3 credits
   _____ 485 Internship in Geography 3 credits
   _____ 491 Travel Study course to other countries 3 credits
   _____ 492 Field Course 3 credits

_____ 6 credits from Systematic Courses
   _____ 332 Political Geography 3 credits
   _____ 334 Historical Geography 3 credits
   _____ 340 Economic Geography 3 credits
   _____ 452 Cultural Ecology and Sustainable Development 3 credits

_____ 3 credits from other Geography Courses
   (at least 3 credits from 300-400 level courses)
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30 Minimum credits in Geography

_____ 3 credits in English
   _____ 370 Advanced Composition 3 credits
   _____ 372 Technical and Scientific Writing 3 credits
Things to Consider for Majors in the International/Regional Track

Advising and Involvement in Department: Students should regularly consult with their faculty advisor. In addition, it is expected that students will become involved in the Geography Department functions such as the Geography Club and/or GTU, undergraduate research opportunities, and other programs sponsored by the department. It is very difficult for faculty members to write an enthusiastic letter of recommendation for students when they have only had exposure to them in class.

Career Choices for the International/Regional Track: The International/Regional Track emphasizes exposure to areas outside of the United States. Possible job opportunities are to be found in large US corporations, import-export businesses, commodities and stock traders, agricultural machinery companies, banking and finance companies, and international law firms. Other job opportunities may also be available with the US State Department and the Department of Defense, the Peace Corps, Global Relief Agencies, and the United Nations.

Possible Minors: Minors should be coordinated with the career interests of the student. Some possible complementary minors include Political Science, Sociology, Business Studies, and Communications. Knowledge of a foreign language is highly recommended.

Graduate School: Many of the careers that appeal to students who choose the International/Regional track require a graduate degree. Those planning to attend graduate school should become familiar with the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) and make plans to take the exam early in their senior year.

Study and Travel Abroad: Students who choose the International/Regional track should make sure to take advantage of the Travel Study and Field Study courses offered by the Geography Department. In addition, there are many opportunities offered by the university for semester study abroad programs. Information can be found at the International Education and Programs office in Roseman 2041.

Geography Internships: Students should consider the Internship programs available through the Geography Department. Usually, these internships are offered to those who have reached at least junior standing, when they have completed the necessary coursework and have reached the desired skill level needed for the job/internship. Internships in Geography are almost always supervised by a faculty member.

Student Portfolio: Students should consistently maintain a portfolio that contains samples of their work, e.g. papers, maps, GIS projects, etc. The portfolio will be helpful when applying for jobs and will showcase the work you have done to your potential employers.