

Geography, Applied: Bachelor of Arts Major

Faculty of Arts	kpu.ca/arts
Geography	kpu.ca/arts/geography
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Start Date(s)	September January May
Intake Type	Open intake
Format	Full-time Part-time
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
Curriculum Effective Date	01-January-2015
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in Applied Geography is a unique, four-year Human Geography degree with an emphasis on the urban setting of human activity. The program is distinguished by the scope and sequencing of its skills development coursework. Required skills courses include those in qualitative methods, quantitative methods, geographic thought, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and research design.

These skills-development courses are woven into a lively and relevant topical curriculum featuring introductory lab-science courses in: physical geography; introductory and advanced human geography; economic, social, political, and urban geography; options for focused study of a variety of regions; and courses in natural hazards and environmental geography. Having established a foundation of information-handling skills early in the program, students are equipped to apply their knowledge to service and research projects incorporated into their third and fourth year courses.

Graduates who complete the Bachelor of Arts, Major in Applied Geography program are able to comprehensively understand a range of contemporary urban issues and problems, and possess the practical skills to address them. They are engaged citizens, well-positioned for employment in occupations requiring knowledgeable people capable of working with diverse types of information, or for further, graduate study in Geography and related fields.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a Major in Applied Geography must be admitted to the Faculty of Arts.

DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

Students intending to graduate with this Faculty of Arts Bachelor's degree must declare the credential by the time they complete 60 credits of undergraduate coursework. At the time of declaration, the student must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- In good academic standing with the University

- Completion of a minimum of 18 credits of undergraduate coursework, including the following with a minimum grade of "C":
 - 3 credits of ENGL at the 1100 level or higher
 - 6 credits at the 1100 level or higher in the Major area

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

Geography Major

YEAR ONE

All of:

GEOG 1101	Human Geography	3 credits
GEOG 1110	Atmospheric Science	3 credits
GEOG 1120	Earth Science	3 credits

YEAR TWO

All of:

GEOG 2250	The City	3 credits
GEOG 2380	Qualitative Methods in Geography	3 credits
GEOG 2390	Quantitative Methods in Geography	3 credits
GEOG 2400	Introduction to GIS	3 credits

Plus one of:

GEOG 2310	Climatology	3 credits
GEOG 2320	Geomorphology	3 credits

And one of:

GEOG 1160	Geography of British Columbia	3 credits
GEOG 2140	Regional Geography of Canada	3 credits
GEOG 2170	Regional Geography of Europe	3 credits
GEOG 2185	Regional Geography of East Asia	3 credits
GEOG 2190	Regional Geography of South Asia	3 credits

YEAR THREE

All of:

GEOG 3120	Economic Geography	3 credits
GEOG 3130	Society and Urban Space	3 credits
GEOG 3220	Urban Politics and Planning	3 credits
GEOG 3260	Geographic Thought	3 credits
GEOG 3310	Natural Hazards	3 credits
GEOG 3320	Environment and Resources	3 credits

YEAR FOUR

All of:

GEOG 4100	Research Design in Geography	3 credits
GEOG 4380	Applications in GIS	3 credits
GEOG 4501	Current Geographic Issues	3 credits

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of the major program students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**. Transcripts will indicate a **Major in Applied Geography**.