GEOGRAPHY (GEOG)

GEOG 5050 - Applied Spatial Statistics (3 Credits)
Practice and application of spatial analytical and statistical methods using modern GIS and spatial statistical software. Topics include spatial data handling, interpolation, pattern analysis, cluster detection, visualization, and modeling. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better. Note: an introductory course in statistics is strongly recommended for success in this course. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better

GEOG 5060 - Remote Sensing I: Introduction to Environmental Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
An in-depth treatment of the use of aerial photographs and other forms of imagery for the analysis of urban-industrial patterns, vegetation, agriculture, landforms, and geologic structure. Cross-listed with GEOG 4060. Completion of GEOG 2080 with a C or better is recommended for optimal student success. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5070 - Remote Sensing II: Advanced Remote Sensing (3 Credits)
Focuses on digital image processing of satellite and aerial images. Students explore the nature of digital image data, gain an understanding of image analysis using PCs, and learn about the use of analysis products in the development of GIS databases. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4060/5060 or permission of instructor. Cross-listed with GEOG 4070. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4060/5060

GEOG 5080 - Introduction to GIS (3 Credits)
Introduces Geographic Information Systems (GIS), including justification, hardware/software, database design, and data conversion. GIS is a computer-based mapping system providing a graphical interface to locational and relational attribute data. Includes hands-on use of a GIS workstation. Cross-listed with GEOG 4080. Prereq: Graduate standing. Term offered: fall, spring, summer. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5081 - Cartography and Computer Mapping (3 Credits)
Provides an introduction to the art and science of cartography (map making). Students will learn about design principles, tools and techniques of map production, culminating in the creation of a high-quality map through hands-on exercises. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better. Note: Completion of GEOG 2080 with a C or better is recommended for optimal student success. Term offered: fall, spring. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better

GEOG 5085 - GIS Applications for the Urban Environment (3 Credits)
Takes a more detailed look at basic concepts presented in the introductory GIS course, concentrating on how GIS is used to solve real-world geographic problems. Various GIS applications within both the natural and social sciences are highlighted. The selection of specific topics is flexible, based on the interests of enrolled students. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better. Cross-listed with GEOG 4085. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better

GEOG 5086 - FOSS4G Systems Integration (3 Credits)
Focuses on the integration of different FOSS4G (Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial Applications) software and technologies to create geospatial information systems that access data from different sources, storage structures, and formats to provide information to support decision making processes. Prereq: GEOG 4091 or 5091, and GEOG 4092 or 5092. Cross-listed with GEOG 4086. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: GEOG 4091 or 5091, and GEOG 4092 or 5092

GEOG 5090 - Environmental Modeling with Geographic Information Systems (3 Credits)
Applies raster spatial analysis and modeling to study processes and spatial relationships to support decisionmaking in natural and built environments. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better. Cross-listed with GEOG 4090. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better

GEOG 5091 - Open Source Software for Geospatial Applications (3 Credits)
Students will master the individual use and integration of a stack of the most powerful Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial Applications (FOSS4G) to analyze spatial problems and create Spatial Data Infrastructures in different technological, socio-economic and organizational settings. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better. Cross-listed with GEOG 4091. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better

GEOG 5092 - GIS Programming and Automation (3 Credits)
Students will learn the most commonly used programming language to automate GIS geoprocessing tasks and workflows in the latest versions of the most popular GIS systems. Cross-listed with GEOG 4092. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better
GEOG 5095 - Deploying GIS Functionality on the Web (3 Credits)
Covers the core principles and technologies that allow the deployment of geographic information system (GIS) functionality over the World Wide Web. Hands-on exercises make use of the latest commercial software as well as open source technologies. Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better. Cross-listed with GEOG 4095. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Prereq: Graduate standing and GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 or CVEN 5381 with a grade of C or better

GEOG 5150 - Place, Landscape, and Meaning (3 Credits)
Investigates concepts that constitute place and landscape—how they are not just simply "there". Incorporates different schools of thought to help understand why landscapes are objects inseparable from us and open to multiple interpretations and meanings. Note: this course assumes that students have completed an introductory human geography course.
Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with GEOG 4150. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5220 - Environmental Impact Assessment (3 Credits)
The objective of this course is to provide the foundation for understanding the environmental impact assessment process, its legal context, and the criteria and methods for procedural and substantive compliance. Cross-listed with GEOG 4220, URPL 6549. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5230 - Hazard Mitigation and Vulnerability Assessment (3 Credits)
Examines hazard mitigation and its planning and policy implications, emphasizing how vulnerability assessments play an integral role. Students explore how mitigation minimizes the impacts from hazards and use GIS to conduct a local study. Note: this course assumes that students have completed GEOG 2202 or equivalent. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with GEOG 4230. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5235 - GIS Applications in the Health Sciences (3 Credits)
Examines how GIS is used throughout the health care industry and public health. Covers environmental health, disease surveillance, and health services research. Students critically review current literature and gain hands-on experience with GIS software. Note: this course assumes that students have completed GEOG 4080 or GEOG 5080 and/or have a background in public health. Cross-listed with GEOG 4235, HBSC 7235. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

GEOG 5240 - Applied Geomorphology (3 Credits)
Uses hands-on tasks and field trips to investigate processes behind Earth's changing landforms in a variety of physical landscapes (aeolian, volcanic, coastal, fluvial, karst, glacial and periglacial) as related to rock decay, soils and climatic forcings. Note: this course assumes that students have completed GEOG 1202 or GEOL 1072 and GEOG 3232. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with GEOL 4240, 5240 and GEOG 4240. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5251 - Fluvial Geomorphology (3 Credits)
Examines interactions between Earth's surface and flowing water across spatial and temporal scales. Considers structure and function of the major components of fluvial systems, with particular attention to the variety of fluvial systems to hydrologic, geologic and anthropogenic controls. Cross-listed with GEOG 4251, GEOL 4251 and GEOL 5251. Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree students. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

GEOG 5265 - Sustainability in Resources Management (3 Credits)
Sustainability and sustainable development are the dominant economic, environmental and social issues of the 21st century. Follows a multidisciplinary approach to these concepts. Case studies demonstrate their implementation in different geographical, ecological and socio-economic conditions worldwide.
Note: this course assumes that students have completed ENVS 1042 or equivalent. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with GEOG/GEOL 4270/5270. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5300 - Children's Geographies (3 Credits)
This seminar is an interdisciplinary investigation of children, childhood and environment in the context of sustainability and equity. Theoretical and methodological perspectives are applied to understand children's interactions with/in different spaces. Cross-listed with GEOG 4300, ENVS 4300 and ENVS 5300. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-degree majors (NDGR-NHL and NDGR-NLA). Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

GEOG 5301 - Population, Culture, and Resources (3 Credits)
Increasing world human populations are examined in the context of regional and global resources. Opposing viewpoints are studied, and students are required to complete a case study of a self-selected issue analyzing viewpoints associated with relevant opposing opinions. Note: Students may not receive credit for this course if they have already received credit for GEOG 3301. Cross-listed with GEOG 4301. Restriction: Restricted to graduate students. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

GEOG 5335 - Contemporary Environmental Issues (3 Credits)
Provides an overview of environmental challenges facing society today, focusing on how humans impact and change the environment. Opposing views and environmental policy at the local, state, national, and international levels are explored. Cross-listed with GEOG 4335. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
GEOG 5350 - Environment and Society in the American Past (3 Credits)
Overview of the geographical development of North American society from the late 15th century to the mid-20th century. A comparative regional approach emphasizing relationships between natural resource exploitation, cultural landscape formation and environmental change. Cross-listed with GEOG 4350. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5380 - Anthropocene Futures (3 Credits)
We are living in the "Anthropocene"—an era of rapid environmental and societal changes, and of decline and loss resulting from accelerating human interactions with Earth systems. Warming climates, wildfires, floods, water and food insecurity, novel ecosystems, and even pandemics such as COVID-19, are phenomena of the Anthropocene. With a still growing human population and a finite planet, understanding and overcoming such challenges is more pressing than ever, if people are to co-evolve with Earth toward a sustainable future. This interdisciplinary seminar course tells the scientific story of humanity's intensifying interactions with the planet and explores possible future paths. Through presentations, readings and discussion, students will examine topics that include the origin and significance of Anthropocene in Earth's evolutionary history, the debates and evidences for a new geologic epoch, large-scale trajectories of environmental change, a safe operating space, and planting seeds for a "good" Anthropocene. In doing so, students will acquire skills and experiences in critical thinking and analytical reasoning to grapple with many uncertainties and tensions of the Anthropocene. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors.
Cross-listed with GEOG 4380, ENVS 4380, and ENVS 5380. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5420 - The Politics of Nature (3 Credits)
"Examines how economic systems, scientific discovery, institutional policies, and environmental knowledge converge to shape the environment and mediate the way societies understand, manage and respond to environmental changes in both the United States and the developing world. Cross-listed with GEOG 4420. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits."
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5440 - Science, Policy and the Environment (3 Credits)
Examines the social, economic and political forces shaping scientific discovery and the development and enforcement of environmental policy. Students will examine perspectives on issues such as risk, expertise, uncertainty and objectivity that influence the problem-defining, standard-setting and policy-making process. Cross-listed with GEOG 4440. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5640 - Urban Geography: Denver and the U.S. (3 Credits)
Uses a combined lecture/seminar format to explore research themes in urban geography. Topics covered include both historical and contemporary processes of urban development and transformation. Particular emphasis is placed on the U.S. and Colorado's Front Range. Cross-listed with GEOG 4640. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5680 - Urban Sustainability: Perspectives and Practice (3 Credits)
Examines various perspectives on sustainability, including ambiguities and opportunities of sustainability as a conceptual framework. Class also examines what sustainability looks like in practice, using numerous topics such as poverty and urban farming to water and climate change. Cross-listed with GEOG 4680. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5710 - Disasters, Climate Change, and Health (3 Credits)
Provides a review of the impacts of disasters and climate change on human health, using a broad framework of preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, and adaptation. Note: this course assumes that students have completed GEOG 2202 or GEOG 3501. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5720 - Climate Change: Causes, Impacts and Solutions (3 Credits)
Examines science behind past, present & future climate change & environmental, social & political implications & solutions. Explores recent scientific research, syntheses & mainstream literature advancing knowledge about causes & consequences of natural & anthropogenic climate change. Cross-listed with GEOG 4720/ ENVS 4720/ ENVS 5720. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5740 - Soil Science and Geography (3 Credits)
Reviews chemical and physical properties of soils, soil development, and geographic distributions of soil types in the context of the role that soils play in natural and human-altered ecosystems. Prereq: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Cross-listed with GEOG 4740, ENVS 4740, ENVS 5740. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5750 - Climate Change: Causes, Impacts and Solutions (3 Credits)
Examines science behind past, present & future climate change & environmental, social & political implications & solutions. Explores recent scientific research, syntheses & mainstream literature advancing knowledge about causes & consequences of natural & anthropogenic climate change. Cross-listed with GEOG 4720/ ENVS 4720/ ENVS 5720. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5840 - Independent Study (1-3 Credits)
Section 1, economic; 2, physical; 3, urban; 4, social; 5, quantitative; 6, transportation. Repeatable. Max Hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
GEOG 5850 - Understanding And Communicating Field Methods (3 Credits)
Interdisciplinary course that presents a balanced overview of common field methods and how to communicate them effectively to a general audience. Includes hands-on experience with various field methods (e.g., transects, survey design, historical assessment, GIS, etc.) and communication strategies. Note: this course assumes that students have completed an introductory geography or environmental science course. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with GEOG 4850 and ENVS 4850/5850. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 5900 - Colloquium (1 Credit)
Engages students and faculty in discussion of current and pertinent world topics, including specific readings, (guest) presentations, and creation of working research papers, among other items. Students and faculty may work in research groups to accomplish specific goals. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with ENVS 4900, ENVS 5900, GEOG 4900. Repeatable. Max Hours: 4 Credits.
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail Only
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Repeatable. Max Credits: 4.

GEOG 5939 - Directed Research (1-6 Credits)
Students will engage in original research projects supervised and mentored by faculty. Students must work with faculty prior to registration to develop a proposal for their project and receive permission to take this course. Repeatable. Max Hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

GEOG 5990 - Colloquium (1 Credit)
Engages students and faculty in discussion of current and pertinent world topics, including specific readings, (guest) presentations, and creation of working research papers, among other items. Students and faculty may work in research groups to accomplish specific goals. Prereq: Graduate standing. Cross-listed with ENVS 4900, ENVS 5900, GEOG 4900. Repeatable. Max Hours: 4 Credits.
Grading Basis: Pass/Fail Only
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Repeatable. Max Credits: 4.

GEOG 6950 - Global Study Topics (3-9 Credits)
This course is reserved for CU Denver faculty-led study abroad experiences. The course topic will vary based on the location and course content. Students register through the Office of Global Education. Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree majors. Cross-listed with ENVS 4995, ENVS 5995, and GEOG 4995. Max hours: 12 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Repeatable. Max Credits: 12.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 6300 - Foundations Seminar in Human-Environmental Interaction (3 Credits)
This seminar allows students to gain a deeper appreciation for historical and contemporary geographical approaches to understanding the relationship between society and the environment through a survey review of seminal concepts, theories and debates that have shaped the discipline. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 6700 - Integrated Methods (3 Credits)
Geographers employ a variety of quantitative and qualitative methods in their research. The course presents these methods as a continuum, rather than separate typologies, and reviews the difference between integrated and mixed methods. Students will evaluate how and when to apply various methods to most appropriately elicit data. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 6750 - Research Design (3 Credits)
Reviews research framework common to all geographers. Reviews the key steps in designing and executing high-caliber independent research, including topic selection, literature review and data collection analysis. Students will develop competence in applying relevant theories from the natural and social sciences through projects. Prereq: Graduate standing. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 6800 - Community-Based Research Practicum (3 Credits)
For students to apply the concepts and skills presented throughout the masters program in a community setting. Students will participate in a real-world, studio-based project that meets the needs of a government, non-governmental, or private sector organization and will produce a scoped product. Prerequisite: GEOG 6300 with a C or higher. Cross-list ENVS 6800. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

GEOG 6840 - Independent Study: GEOG (1-3 Credits)
Independent research for graduate major students. Prereq: Permission of department. Max hours: 3 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade

GEOG 6950 - Master's Thesis (1-6 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing. Repeatable. Max hours: 6 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade with IP
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors

Additional Information: Report as Full Time.
GEOG 8990 - Doctor's Thesis (1-8 Credits)
Prereq: Graduate standing. Repeatable. Max hours: 8 Credits.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade with IP
Repeatable. Max Credits: 8.
Restriction: Restricted to Graduate and Graduate Non-Degree Majors
Additional Information: Report as Full Time.