ADVISING FORM

GEOGRAPHY (BA & BS)
2011-2012 CATALOG

NAME______________________________ UNIVERSITY ID NUMBER__________________ DATE________

Degree ___________ Advisor __________________

GENERAL EDUCATION (LOWER DIVISION)

___ ENGL 110C (Grade of C required)
___ ENGL 211C, 221C, or 231C (Grade of C required)
___ Oral Communications (COMM 101R, 103R, or 112R)
___ Mathematics, BS requires C- or better in STAT 130M. (STAT 130M is also recommended for BA students though 102M or 162M would also be acceptable.)
___ Language and Culture, BS students’ competence must be at 102 level or meet the University’s high school requirement. BA students must have competence through the 202 level and competence is not met by high school courses or having completed an Associate Degree.
___ Information Literacy and Research (GEOG 308 recommended)
___ Human Creativity (ARTH 121A, ARTS 122A, MUSC 264A, DANC 185A, THEA 241A, or COMM/THEA 270A)
___ Interpreting the Past: HIST 100H (World), 101H (Asia), 102H (Europe), 103H (Latin America), 104H (U.S.), or 105H (Africa)
___ Literature (ENGL 112L, ENGL 114L, or FLET 100L)
___ Philosophy and Ethics (PHIL 110P, 120P, 140P, 230E, 250E, 303E, 344E, 345E, 441E, or 442E)
___ Nature of Science. (8 credit hours of Natural Science with labs)
___ Courses do not need to be a sequence.
   *Note: OEAS 106N, 107N, 111N or 112N is recommended for one of the two nature of science courses
___ Impact of Technology (GEOG 306T recommended)

GENERAL EDUCATION (UPPER DIVISON)-CHOOSE ONE

Minor ________________________________
Second Major __________________________
Second Degree __________________________
Outside College Courses/ Option D _____________

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (minimum 36 hours total)

FOUNDATIONS COURSES and REQUIREMENTS (15 to 21 hours)

___ GEOG 100S
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___ GEOG 300
___ GEOG 308 (C- or higher required; also meets Information Literacy and Research requirement)
___ GEOG 402 and 404; or GEOG 418 (B.S. only. B.A. does not need to fulfill this requirement)
___ GEOG 400W, 422W, 454W or 480W

ELECTIVE COURSES (15 to 21 hours)

A minimum of 21 credits (BA) or 15-18 credits (BS) of additional 300/400-level elective courses in Geography to bring the student up to a total of 36 credits minimum for the major. In meeting these elective requirements, students are required to complete at least three courses (9 credits) at the 400 level. Up to 12 hours of pre-approved ocean, earth and atmospheric science courses (OEAS) may be substituted for geography elective credit.* Three hours of internship credit may count towards the 36 hours of geography courses. All majors must complete a capstone paper in the junior or senior year.

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*Suggested OEAS courses include: 306, 310, 344W, 412, 414, 436, 443, and 448.

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Additional Information for Geography Majors

Be sure to complete and sign a Major Declaration Form at the Political Science & Geography Office. You must have completed 26 credits and ENGL 110C and ENGL 111C prior to declaring. You will be assigned a faculty advisor upon submission of the Major Declaration Form. You must meet with your advisor at least once every semester prior to course registration. You are free to choose your advisor. Transfer students must complete at least 12 credits of upper level Geography courses here at ODU.

TECHNOLOGY: A technology course in the major can double count towards general education and major requirements. For example, GEOG 306T can do “double duty”.

Additional Graduation Requirements

Pass the Exit Exam of Writing Proficiency after completing at least 58 credits

Apply for graduation after completing 102 credits

Complete the on-line Senior Assessment Survey after applying to graduate

Complete the on-line Commencement Participation Form

Submit a Capstone Research Paper to the Political Science & Geography office. A description of the Capstone requirement is available from the Political Science & Geography office.

Maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.0

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Obtain at least 120 overall credits.

Honors in Geography (B.A. or B.S.)

Students must meet the minimum standards of the honors program, including the overall GPA of 3.25. Students wishing honors designation in the major for Geography fulfill all requirements for the given degree, BA or BS, and in addition, they must do the following (this does not increase the number of hours required for the major):

a) Attain a GPA in the major of 3.5.
b) Earn honors in nine (9) hours of courses in the major at the 300/400 level, with no more than six (6) hours taken from the same instructor. Independent study/internship courses are not eligible.