ODU Geography Program
Declaration Form v. 2022

This form applies to all students who are interested in majoring or minoring in Geography or seek to complete one of our certificates. Please complete and send to Vinecia Parraway (vparrawa@odu.edu) and Geography Program Director, Dr. Nicole Hutton Shannon (nhuttons@odu.edu). You may also drop off a paper copy in BAL 7000.

University ID (UIN): __________ Name (Last, First): ______________
Current Address: ______________ City, State, Zip: ______________
Email: ______________@odu.edu

Which of the following is true?
1. ☐ I wish to declare my major as Geography ☐ B.S. ☐ B.A.
   a. ☐ This is a change of major. From: ______________
   b. ☐ This is a double major. With: ______________
2. ☐ I wish to declare a minor in Geography
3. ☐ I wish to declare Geography as a second major
   a. ______________ is my primary major
4. ☐ I wish to declare a certificate program
   a. ☐ Geographic Information Science (GIS)
   b. ☐ Spatial Analysis of Coastal Environments (SpACE)

Student Signature ___________ Date __________

For more information on the ODU Geography major, minor, or one of our GIS Certificate Programs, please contact Dr. Nicole Hutton Shannon, Geography Program Director, in BAL 7012 or via email nhuttons@odu.edu.

More information: https://www.odu.edu/pols-geog/geography

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Geography Program Degree Options

Geography is the study of places and the relationship between people and their environments. Geographers are interested in human activities and societies, physical landscapes and environmental issues, and the technologies used to collect, display, and analyze spatial data from the local to global scale.

**Major in Geography (B.S. or B.A.)**

The Geography program offers both BA and BS degrees. They require 36 hours (12 classes) of coursework in the major. Majors can tailor their program of study to specialize in geospatial technologies, environmental geography and/or human geography.

**Minor in Geography:** To minor in Geography, students must successfully complete GEOG 100S Cultural Geography or GEOG 101S Environmental Geography. Additionally, students must complete an additional twelve hours of Geography coursework (four courses) at the 300/400 level, with a minimum 2.00 GPA in those courses.

More Information: [https://www.odu.edu/pols-geog/geography/majors-minors](https://www.odu.edu/pols-geog/geography/majors-minors)

**Minor in Political Geography:** To minor in Political Geography, students must successfully complete POLS 100S, POLS 101S, or GEOG 100S. Additionally, students must complete GEOG 320 and additional nine hours (3 courses) of approved Political Science (2) and Geography (1) courses.

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**Geographic Information Science (GIS) Certificate (15 credits)**

The Geographic Information Science (GIS) certificate at Old Dominion University (ODU) provides an education program for students and professionals pursuing careers in geographic information systems, and related spatial technologies (remote sensing, global positioning systems (GPS), cartography, and spatial data handling and analysis).

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**Spatial Analysis of Coastal Environments (SpACE) Certificate (15 credits)**

The Certificate in Spatial Analysis of Coastal Environments (SpACE) provides an interdisciplinary program for students wishing to pursue careers in coastal management or research, remote sensing, or geographic information system (GIS) applications.

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