GEOGRAPHY
Associate of Art/Associate of Science degree

Program and Career Description:

The Geography emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelor's degree at a four-year school. Students can pursue careers in many fields, including land use planning, computer mapping, social science research, and teaching. Geography majors with advanced higher education can teach at the college level. A few examples of career and salary estimates are listed below.

Career	Entry-Level Education	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
Urban and Regional Planners	Master's degree	$36,080	$57,060	$68,840
Cartographers and Photogrammetrists	Bachelor's degree	$39,100	$49,150	$61,960
Geographer	Bachelor's degree	$56,530	$62,720	$67,080
Surveyor	Bachelor's degree	$29,220	$42,880	$53,940
Surveying Technician	Bachelor's degree	$28,780	$43,330	$52,660

Career and salary information taken from *JOBS4TN.GOV*. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at *www.bls.gov*. Visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at *www.tntransferpathway.org*.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at *www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information*.

COLUMBIA STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Major in Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Geography (A.A., A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement
COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
ENGL 1010, 1020

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)
HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)
ART 1035, 2000, 2020
ENGL 2160, 2860
HUM 1010, 1020
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200
THEA 1030
Literature Options: ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Natural Sciences Requirement
ESCI 1010, 1020

Mathematics Requirement
MATH 1130

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)
ANTH 1230, 1430
ECON 2100, 2200
MCOM 1110
PHED 2120
POLS 1010, 1030, 2025, 2035
PSYC 1030, 2130
SOCI 1010, 1040, 2010

Major Required Courses
COLS 101
GEOG 1012, 2010
MATH 1530
Electives*

Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:
• earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
• earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
• taking the Exit Exam.

Sample Academic Plan

Sample Schedule

First Year – Fall Semester

____ ENGL 1010	English Composition I		3
____ History Requirement			3
____ MATH 1530	Introductory Statistics		3
____ Social/Behavioral Sciences			3
____ GEOG 1012	Cultural Geography		3
____ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success		1
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First Year – Spring Semester

____ ENGL 1020	English Composition II		3
____ COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication **or**		
COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate		3
____ Humanities/Fine Arts			3
____ History Requirement			3
____ GEOG 2010	World Regional Geography		3
			15

Second Year – Fall Semester

____ Literature Requirement			3
____ MATH 1130	College Algebra		3
____ ESCI 1010	Weather and Climate		4
____ Electives*			4
			14

Second Year – Spring Semester

____ Humanities/Fine Arts			3
____ ESCI 1020	Landforms		4
____ Social/Behavioral Sciences			3
____ Electives*			5
			15

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60

*If pursuing the A.A. degree, 6 of the 10 elective hours must be one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities include demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to attain intermediate-level competency in foreign language before transferring. Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring.

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