CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Geography Studies, A.A.
Naugatuck Valley Community College
Catalog Year 2019-20

Please contact a campus advisor for this program:
Professor

These requirements are effective if you declared the Transfer Ticket: CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Geography Studies. A.A. major for the 2019-20 academic year.

With this degree you will be able to transfer to the following majors. Follow this link for important information about when and how to apply for transfer to a State University or Charter Oak State College.

At Central Connecticut State University:
- Geography with Specialization in Environmental Geography, B.A.
- Geography with Specialization in General/Regional Geography, B.A.
- Geography with Specialization in Geographic Information Science, B.A.
- Geography with Specialization in Planning, B.A.
- Geography with Specialization in Tourism, B.A.

At Southern Connecticut State University:
- Geography, B.A.
- Geography – Concentration: Geographic Information Science and Technology, B.S.

Here is the recommended course of study for the CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Geography Studies, A.A. If you are studying part time, simply follow the order of the courses listed here. Note that not all courses will be available every semester. You will notice that in many instances you will be able to choose the specific course you will take from within a category. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

First Semester: 15 credits
- ENG 101 Composition 3 credits
- GEO 102 Introduction to Human Geography 3 credits
- Choose one Historical Knowledge and Understanding course 3 credits
- Choose one Aesthetic Dimensions course 3 credits
- Unrestricted Elective* 3 credits

Second Semester: 15-17 credits
- GEO 111 World Regional Geography 3 credits
- Choose one Quantitative Reasoning course 3-4 credits
- Choose one Written Communication II course 3 credits
- Choose one Scientific Reasoning course 3-4 credits
- Unrestricted Elective* 3 credits

Begin the transfer application process in your third semester or the semester before you plan to graduate. FAFSA becomes available Oct 1.

Third Semester: 15-16 credits
- Choose one Scientific Knowledge and Understanding course 3-4 credits

Use unrestricted elective credits to complete 9 credits in one subject area. 3-6 of these credits may also meet general education requirements. You should consider pursuing a minor subject area based upon your specific field of interest in geography. Some suggested disciplines include:
- ANT, Anthropology
- EAS, Earth Science
- ECN, Economics
- EVS, Environmental Science
- GEO, Geography (CCSU)
- GLG, Geology
- HIS, History
- MAT, Mathematics (statistics preferred), POL, Political Science
- CSA, CSC, CST Computer Science

See your advisor for guidance on minor choices

These courses are meant to complete 50% of the minor requirement in all of CCSU’s specializations, but can also be used to begin a minor or second major at SCSU. CCSU allows you to major and minor in Geography as long as your minor is in a different specialization from the major.
Choose one Social Phenomena course 3 credits
Choose one Additional General Education I – Creativity course 3 credits
Two Unrestricted Electives* 6 credits

GEO 204 Geography and Tourism Development** is strongly recommended if you are planning to pursue the Specialization in Tourism at Central.

During your last semester at NVCC, apply for graduation by the dates found here.

Fourth Semester: 15 credits
Choose one Continued Learning and Information Literacy course 3 credits
Choose one Oral Communication course 3 credits
Choose one Additional General Education II – Global Knowledge course 3 credits
Two Unrestricted Electives* 6 credits

Here is another way to look at the degree, by requirements

General Education Requirements: 37-39 credits

Unless a course is specifically designated, such as ENG 101 Composition for Written Communication I, you will have a choice about which course you take. For a list of the courses from each category that you can choose from, go to Appendix (PDF).

Written Communication I: ENG 101 Composition 3 credits
Written Communication II (select one): 3 credits
Scientific Reasoning (select one): 3-4 credits
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding (select one): 3-4 credits
Note: You must complete one science course that includes a lab. It can be in either science category.
Quantitative Reasoning (select one): 3-4 credits
Historical Knowledge and Understanding (select one): 3 credits
Social Phenomena (select one): 3 credits
Aesthetic Dimensions (select one): 3 credits
Continued Learning and Information Literacy (select one): 3 credits
Oral Communication (select one): 3 credits
Additional General Education I – Creativity (select one): 3 credits
Additional General Education II – Global Knowledge (select one): 3 credits

Major Program Requirements: 6-9 credits
GEO 102 Introduction to Human Geography 3 credits
GEO 111 World Regional Geography 3 credits
GEO 204 Geography and Tourism Development** (3 credits)

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Select up to nine credits in a single discipline; see text box on page one. (9 credits taken from unrestricted electives)

Unrestricted Electives: 15-18 credits

*You are free to choose any courses at or above 100-level to complete unrestricted electives, although you may need to use these credits to take courses that prepare you for required courses in the degree program. You should also consider using unrestricted electives to meet foreign language requirements at Central, Eastern and Western Connecticut State Universities or to begin work on completing a minor. Central Connecticut State University will require that you complete a minor by earning at least 18 credits in one area outside your major field; you must complete at least 9 of those minor credits at Central. You can also complete other General Education requirements for CCSU, SCSU, WCSU, and COSC—but not ECSU. You are encouraged to meet with your advisor to determine which courses to select.

*This course is not available at Naugatuck Valley. In order to complete it, you will need to take it at another institution. It is often offered online at other community colleges. Your advisor can help you arrange to take this course.

CSCU Pathway Transfer Degree: Geography Studies, A.A. Credit Total: 60 credits

In order to graduate and be guaranteed admission to a State University or to Charter Oak State College, you must earn an overall 2.0 grade point average.