**Why Choose Geography?**

Geography brings together elements of both the physical and social sciences to understand the spatial distribution of phenomena, how and why places differ from one another, and how people interact with their environment. While human geography is largely concerned with the cultural, economic, historical and political processes that shape society and the human landscape; physical geography is largely concerned with the geomorphology, hydrology, climatology, and biogeography of the environment.

The Geography Program provides students with critical thinking skills, specific geographic expertise, and the research experience needed to meet real-world challenges. While maps are the heart of any geographic analysis; geographic information systems, remote sending and global positioning have revolutionized the field of geography, environmental science and the study of human-environment interaction.

**Why Study in the College of Arts & Sciences?**

A liberal arts education from our College may be the best option for your future. In the world today the average person changes careers at least 5 times. The College of Arts & Sciences gives you the opportunity to discover, create, advance, analyze, disseminate and preserve knowledge. You will develop the incredibly transferable skills of how to problem-solve, think critically and strategically and integrate what you learn in textbooks with the real-world issues that we all face today. With a degree from our college, you will know how to do much more than just one job when you graduate. You will have the resources and training to adapt your education to almost any career field that offers itself to you.

**A Wealth of Opportunities Await**

- **Undergraduate Research**
  Departmental research in human geography covers a number of diverse topics including social, urban and economic geography; issues of racial identity, political ecology and geographic education. From a regional perspective, faculty expertise includes world regional geography, the geography of Texas and the American Southwest, the geography of the United States and Canada, the geography of Latin and South America, and the geography of Europe.

  For more info, visit the [geography research page](#).

- **Study Abroad**
  From culinary classes in Florence to Range and Wildlife Management in Australia, from language study at the Texas Tech Center in Sevilla to Engineering in Czech Republic, Texas Tech has programs in more than 70 countries in which TTU students can participate.

  To see where our study abroad programs can take you, visit the website here: [https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/](https://ttu-sa.terradotta.com/)

- **Graduate Education**
  The 30-hour master's degree in geography is a thesis-based program designed to provide students with critical thinking skills, specific geographic expertise, spatial analysis techniques, and research experience. Coursework will include GEOG 5312 and 5340, 12 hours in the major, 6 hours in the minor, and 6 hours of thesis.

- **Professional Career**
  The University Career Center helps both current and alumni Texas Tech students with career assessments, resume building, and employer career fair information. The Career Center is here to help you match your interests and college major to a career that is right for you. To see more, visit the website: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php)

- **Scholarship**
  Arts & Sciences awarded $266,236 in scholarships to 139 students so far this year, with more to come. Full-time students may apply for scholarships in the College of Arts & Sciences. For more information, visit the scholarship website: [www.scholarships.ttu.edu](http://www.scholarships.ttu.edu)

- **Student Organizations**
  The College of Arts & Sciences has a number of student organizations that cater to any number of interest for students. These organizations help students get involved on and off campus as well as meet with faculty and other students outside the classroom. For more information on organizations, visit the website: [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/artsandsciences/students/](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/artsandsciences/students/)

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**Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)**

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. **Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.**

**Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree**

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization's.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks:

https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

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**Steps to Apply:**

- **Admission Requirements**
  
  Application from applytexas.org

  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from **ALL** previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

**Assured Admissions:**

If you present the required combination of transferable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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**Admission Review**

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- **Academics**—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- **Student-submitted essay**—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- **Extracurricular activities/employment information**—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: [http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/](http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/)

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