

Geographic Information Science: Associate in Science – Non-Transfer

From local to global scales, geographers study political organization, transportation systems, marketing, economics, climate and weather, urban planning, land use development, globalization, and more. They examine the distribution of landforms, study soils, and vegetation, analyze limited resources such as water, and human impacts on the surface of the planet. In general, geographers work in government research, public agencies, and are environmental consultants for nonprofit organizations.

Please see a Pathways Counselor: Create an education plan customized to meet your needs. [Contact a Counselor](#)

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

- Geography, A.A.-T CSU, UC
- Geographic Information Science, A.S.
- Geographic Information Science, Certificate, Focus: General, Fire & Safety, Water Industry

GE Pattern/Units

- GE Pattern: Option A
- Total Units: 60-62



Program maps indicate the major coursework and recommended general education courses to fulfill your degree in 2 years (approximately 15 units/semester or 30 units/year). If you are a part-time student, start Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence. Some of the courses listed may be substituted by another course. Please view these options in the official course [catalog](#).

Semester 1

16 Units

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-105	Map Interpretation and Spatial Analysis	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL-101	College Composition	4
<input type="checkbox"/>	PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEAD-500 or GUID-116	Leadership Development or Integrative Career/Life Planning	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-582	Programming for GIS	3

Semester 2

15 Units

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-115	Introduction to Geographic Information Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSIS-116E or CSIS-114A	Python Programming - Level 1 or SQL Programming - Level 1	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	MATH-140	Introduction to Statistics	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	CSIS-126E or CSIS-124A	Python Programming - Level 2 ¹ or SQL Programming - Level 2	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-584	Water Management with GIS	3

¹Take second 8 weeks

Career Options

Geophysical Data Technicians (B, M)
Geographers (B, M, D)
Geographic Information Systems Technician (B, M)
Find more careers: msjc.emsicc.com

Required Education: SM: some college; C: Certificate; A: Associate,
B: Bachelor's, M: Master's; D: Doctorate

Financial Aid



Financial aid is determined by the number of credit hours you take in a semester. Maximize your financial aid by taking 12-15 units per semester.

Semester 3**15 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-520	Intermediate Geographic Information Science	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	COMM-103	Interpersonal Communication	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-585	GIS for Catastrophes	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-111	Geography of California	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-583	Spatial Database Design and Management	3

Semester 4**14-16 Units**

✓	COURSE	TITLE	UNIT
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-525	Advanced Geographic Information Science (3
<input type="checkbox"/>	ART-104	World Art	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-586	GIS for Web Applications	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-107	Urban Geography	3
<input type="checkbox"/>	GEOG-103	Field Studies in Geography	2-4

Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](#) and earn credits.