***Geography:*** *Associate in Arts for Transfer*

*CSU*

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:*** Transfer degrees require a minimum of 60 semester CSU transferable units or UC semester transferable units with a minimum 2.0 GPA overall. [Contact a Counselor](https://www.msjc.edu/hub/) to create an education plan customized to meet your needs.

Transfer Majors/Award Focus

* Geography, A.A.-T CSU, UC

GE Pattern/Units

* GE Pattern: Option B
* Total Units: 60

**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](https://catalog.msjc.edu/instructional-programs/).

***Semester 1 14 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ENGL-101 | College Composition | 4 |
| c | MATH-140 | Introduction to Statistics | 3 |
| c | GEOG-101 | Physical Geography | 3 |
| c | GEOG-104 | Physical Geography Lab | 1 |
| c | GEOG-102 or  GEOG-108 | Cultural Geography or  World Regional Geography | 3 |

***Semester 2 15 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ENGL-103 | Critical Thinking and Writing | 3 |
| c | HIST-160/ETHS-160,  LIT-275/ETHS-275, or  LIT-280/ETHS-280 | Black History in the American Context or  Latinx/Chicanx Literature  or  Multiethnic Literature | 3 |
| c | HIST-111 or  HIST-112 | U.S. History to 1877 or  U.S. History Since 1865 | 3 |
| c | ART-100 | Art Appreciation | 3 |
| c | COMM-100 | Public Speaking | 3 |

Career Options

Geophysical Data Technicians (B, M)

Geographers (B, M, D)

Find more careers: [msjc.emsicc.com](http://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.

***Summer*** ***3 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | ENVS-101 | Environmental Science | 3 |

***Semester 3 12 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | GEOG-111 | Geography of California | 3 |
| c | ART-101 | Art History: Prehistoric Through Medieval Art | 3 |
| c | PS-101 | Introduction to American Government and Politics | 3 |
| c | GEOG-105 | Map Interpretation and Spatial Analysis | 3 |

***Semester 4 16 Units***

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| a | COURSE | TITLE | UNIT |
| c | BIOL-115 | Topics in Biology | 4 |
| c | GEOG-115 | Digital Earth: Intro. to Geographic Information Science | 3 |
| c | PHIL-101 | Introduction to Philosophy I | 3 |
| c | ANTH-102 | Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| c | GEOG-106 | Introduction to Weather and Climate | 3 |

Notes***:***

**Language Requirement**: Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements.

Work Experience

Sign up for a special project or internship opportunity. Gain [work experience](https://msjc.edu/careereducation/cwee/index.html) and earn credits.