



SMART CHOICE

College of Liberal Arts (COLA)

Geography (AA Liberal Arts – BA Geography) (Tahlequah)

NSU Bachelor of Arts in Geography: The geography major is a well-rounded, flexible, liberal arts degree and is good preparation for graduate work in geography or related disciplines. Students may select courses within the geography major to design a more applied program focusing on geographic techniques (such as Geographic Information Systems) and career-oriented courses; such an applied focus prepares students for careers in both the public and private sector of the economy.

Major Guidelines / Regulations: For admission to the BA program, students must have completed ENGL 1113, ENGL 1213 with a grade of “C” or better; completed MATH 1513 with a grade of “C” or better or score 23 or higher on the Math ACT; satisfied the university’s computer proficiency requirement; and achieved an overall GPA of 2.25 or higher. Students must achieve an overall GPA of 2.25 or higher. Students enrolled in classes offered by the COLA are expected to behave according to those Standards of Professional Behavior, found on the COLA website. Graduation with the BA degree requires that all core and major classes must be completed with a “C” or better and that 21 (of 42) credits in the BA core must be earned at NSU.

What it takes to complete a BA in Geography from NSU. If you don’t complete your A.A. or A.S. at TCC, you will need to meet NSU’s specific general education requirements. You must complete at least 124 hours to earn a bachelor’s degree. Of those hours, 60 must be from a university (four-year school; 30-hours required from NSU), 40 must be junior and senior (3000/4000) level, and half of the hours (50%) in your major must be from NSU. You must also be both English and computer proficient. This means that you must pass ENGL 1113 Composition I and ENGL 1213 Composition II with a “C” or better and pass the designated computer proficiency class if needed. Therefore, when you transfer to NSU, you will likely need around 60 more hours to earn your bachelor’s degree.

Transferring to NSU is a seamless process. Although you can transfer to NSU at any time in your academic career, the smoothest transition occurs if you have earned or will earn an A.A. or A.S. from TCC. This milestone will also meet your general education requirements at NSU (unless it is a specific NSU requirement for you to graduate).

How do my TCC classes transfer to NSU? Every class that you take at TCC will transfer to NSU. Each class counts in one of the following categories that make up a bachelor’s degree: general education, major, minor, or free elective. Minors (18 hours) are a coherent set of courses in a discipline or interdisciplinary grouping other than a student’s degree program. **This program requires a minor.** Free electives can be selected from any academic area. They allow you to explore academic interests outside of your major while counting toward the 124 hours you need to graduate. If you completed a class at TCC that does not meet one of the other specific requirements, it will count as a free elective. If you complete more than 64 hours at the associate degree level, all courses will transfer to NSU, but may be counted as electives. You must have 60 hours from a four-year institution to meet state requirements for graduation with a baccalaureate degree.

When can you start taking NSU classes? You can begin taking classes at NSU while you are completing your A.A. or A.S. at TCC. This is called dual enrollment and many students do this each semester. Consult an NSU academic advisor and a financial aid counselor to see how dual enrollment can work for you.

TCC Liberal Arts, AA to NSU Geography, BA

Liberal Arts, AA

Freshman Year at Tulsa Community College

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
ENGL 1113 Composition I	ENGL 1213 Composition II
General Education Recommended Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: CSCI 1203 Computer Concepts and Applications	MATH 1473 Quantitative Reasoning
HIST 1483 or 1493 U.S. History	General Education Humanities (3 hours)
POLS 1113 American Federal Government	General Education Required Elective (3 hours)
Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: GEOG 1014 Geography (Physical)	General Education Recommended Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: GEOG 2033 World Regional Geography
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

Liberal Arts, AA

Sophomore Year at Tulsa Community College

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: GEOG 1043 Introduction to Cultural Geography	General Education Science without Lab (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: GEOL 1024 General Geology (Historical)
Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: GEOG 2344 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: COMM 1113 Public Speaking
Elective (3 hours)	Elective (3 hours) NSU recommends the following: SOCI 2123 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
General Education Humanities (3 hours)	Elective (3 hours)
General Education Science with Lab	Elective (3 hours)
Total Hours Per Semester = 16	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

After completion of your TCC courses, have the TCC Registrar send an official transcript to the NSU Admissions Office. If you have completed all requirements for an Associate degree, make sure that designation is noted on your TCC official transcript before sending to NSU. If you have not completed the requirements for an Associate degree, talk with your TCC Academic Advisor about Reverse Transfer options to use NSU coursework to complete your TCC degree.

Geography, BA

Junior Year at Northeastern State University

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Human Topical Geography elective (3 hours)	GEOG 3513 Map Interpretation or GEOG 4833 Advanced GIS
Physical Geography elective (3 hours)	GEOG 3000/4000 Elective (6 hours)
Course in Minor (6 hours)	Course in Minor (6 hours)
Free Electives 3/4000 (3 hours)	
Total Hours Per Semester = 15	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

Geography, BA**Senior Year at Northeastern State University**

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Physical Geography elective (3 hours)	GEOG 3000/4000 Elective (3 hours)
GEOG 3/4000 Elective (6 hours)	Course in Minor (3 hours)
Course in Minor (3 hours)	Free Electives 3000/4000 (9 hours)
Free Electives 3/4000 (6 hours)	
Total Hours Per Semester = 18	Total Hours Per Semester = 15

Total hours transferred from Tulsa Community College: **61**

Total hours needed from a four-year university to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Geography: **63**

Total Degree Plan Hours: 124

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