

Finish your Bachelor's Degree Online in Geography!

Marshall University, Department of Geography

Informational Sheet Based on 2017-2018 MU Undergraduate Catalog

Complete your bachelor's degree in geography online! We offer all required Geography courses to complete your degree online. Many online courses are also available to meet core curriculum and College of Liberal Arts requirements at Marshall University. Check with an [advisor in the Geography Department](#) for more details.

For the latest information, please see: <http://www.marshall.edu/geography/online-geography-degree/>

Marshall University Graduation Requirements:

You must carefully read and follow the policies for graduation found in the official Marshall University Undergraduate Catalog (<http://www.marshall.edu/catalog/>) found at <http://www.marshall.edu>. In summary, you'll need:

- To meet all University core curriculum requirements, College of Liberal Arts requirements, and Geography Department requirements;
- 120 credit hours total;
- GPA of 2.0 or higher;
- At least 48 credit hours must come from Marshall University;
- At least one year's work in residence, "in residence" meaning enrolled for fall and spring, or either fall or spring and two summer terms;
- One semester "in residence" (at least 12 credit hours) must be in the senior year;
- Transfer students must take at least 12 hours of 300/400 level coursework in the College of Liberal Arts and at least 15 hours in Geography;
- No more than 72 credit hours transferred from an accredited institution of higher education can count toward the degree.

Geography Core Requirements (BA/BS) (see Undergraduate Catalog or

<http://www.marshall.edu/geography/>):

- GEO100 (CT) Introduction to Human Geography, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline; fulfills University General Education requirement in critical thinking, international studies, and social science;
- GEO101 (CT) Physical Geography, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline; fulfills University General Education requirement in critical thinking; fulfills College of Liberal Arts natural science requirement;
- GEO317 World Regional Geography, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline; fulfills College of Liberal Arts requirement in international studies;
- GEO426 Principles of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO440 Spatial Statistics and GIS, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline (with permission from the chair, Geography majors could substitute another statistics course offered online such

as MTH225 or EDF417; MTH225 also fulfills the Marshall University Core Curriculum math requirement, if the requirement was not met at another institution);

- GEO498 Senior Capstone I (WI), 2 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO499 Senior Capstone II (WI), 2 credit hours – offered through MUOnline.

Geography Elective Courses (BA) (required courses plus electives must total 37 credit hours minimum; see Undergraduate Catalog or <http://www.marshall.edu/geography>), choose from:

- GEO110 Basic GIS – 1 credit hour – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO112 Smartphone GPS – 1 credit hour – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO203 (CT) Economic Geography, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO222 (CT) (WI) Global Environmental Issues, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO230 (CT) Introduction to Meteorology, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO305 Geography of the United States and Canada, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO350 Severe Local Storms and Natural Hazards, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO404 Geography of Europe, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO440 Spatial Statistics and GIS, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO485-488 Independent Study, 1-4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO490 Internship, 1-3 credit hours – not an online course, but can be arranged between you, a local employer/government agency near you, and the Geography Department.
- Additional courses are added regularly

Geography Elective Courses (BS) (required courses plus electives must total 42 credit hours minimum; see Undergraduate Catalog or <http://www.marshall.edu/geography>), choose from:

- Many students transfer courses from other institutions which count as Geography BS electives; check with both Marshall Admissions Office and an [adviser in the Geography Department](#) for more details;
- GEO110 Basic GIS – 1 credit hour – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO112 Smartphone GPS – 1 credit hour – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO222 (CT) (WI) Global Environmental Issues, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO230 (CT) Introduction to Meteorology, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO350 Severe Local Storms and Natural Hazards, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO440 Spatial Statistics and GIS, 4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO485-488 Independent Study, 1-4 credit hours – offered through MUOnline;
- GEO490 Internship, 1-6 credit hours – not an online course, but can be arranged between you, a local employer/government agency near you, and the Geography Department.
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Core Curriculum (University General Education) (see MU Undergraduate Catalog or <http://www.marshall.edu/gened>):

Core I (9 hours):

- **FYS100 First Year Seminar**, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline. (Transfer students with 26 or more college credits can skip FYS100 but must still complete one CT course in Core I, all of

Core II and the additional university requirements. Core II may be fulfilled through a combination of transfer and Marshall credit hours.)

- **Two Critical Thinking (CT) courses**, 6 credit hours – fulfilled by two courses from GEO100 (CT), GEO101 (CT), GEO203 (CT), GEO222 (CT), and GEO230 (CT) offered through MUOnline

Core II (25 hours):

- **ENG 101 Beginning Composition**, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **ENG201 Advanced Composition**, 3 credit hours – offered through MUOnline spring and fall; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **CMM103 Communication**, 3 credit hours – check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Math**, 3 credit hours – fulfilled by MTH225 offered through MUOnline as a Geography core requirement;
- **Humanities**, 3 credit hours – many courses offered through MUOnline; see the list <http://www.marshall.edu/gened/core-ii-courses/>
- **Natural Science**, 4 credit hours – GEO230 (CT) will fulfill this requirement; offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Social Science**, 3 credit hours – fulfilled by Geography core requirements taken online;
- **Fine Arts**, 3 credit hours – several courses offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Multicultural or International**, 3 credit hours – fulfilled by Geography Core requirements online; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Writing Intensive (WI)**, 6 credit hours – fulfilled by GEO222 (CT) (WI) and GEO498/GEO499 (WI).

College of Liberal Arts Requirements (see MU Undergraduate Catalog or <http://www.marshall.edu/cola/degree-requirements/>): The Department of Geography is housed in the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall University, so you must meet CoLA requirements. You must carefully read and follow the policies found in the official Marshall University Undergraduate Catalog entry for the College of Liberal Arts to make sure to meet these requirements. Beyond the University core curriculum, CoLA requires additional coursework (listed below) and minimum of 48 credit hours in courses numbered 300-499, some of which could be transferred from other institutions of higher education, but not typically from community and technical colleges.

- **Foreign Language**, 12 credit hours as a sequence of 4 courses; not offered online at Marshall; offered online by many colleges; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer; requirement waived for Geography BS majors;
- **Social Science 1**, 3 credit hours – fulfilled by Geography Core Requirements online;
- **Social Science 2**, 3 credit hours – many courses offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Social Science 3**, 3 credit hours – many courses offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;

- **Natural Science**, 4 credit hours – fulfilled by GEO 101 (CT) online; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Multicultural**, 3 credit hours – many courses offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **International**, 3 credit hours – fulfilled by Geography Core Requirements online; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Humanities**, 3 credit hours – many courses offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Literature 1**, 3 credit hours – many courses offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer;
- **Literature 2**, 3 credit hours – many courses offered through MUOnline; check with the Marshall Admissions Office to determine if a course from another institution will transfer.

Transferring Credits from Other Institutions You must carefully read and follow the policies found in the official Marshall University Undergraduate Catalog entry from the Academic Information, Transfer Credit section. In general, the Admissions Office will determine the acceptability of credits earned at other institutions. For previous coursework, the student must have an official transcript forwarded from the other institution(s) to the Marshall Admissions Office. For Marshall enrolled students, a student must obtain prior approval before taking a course at another institution, if the student wants those courses to count towards degree requirements at Marshall. Contact the Admissions Office (admissions@marshall.edu) for more information.

Availability of Online Courses All or most of the hours you'll need to complete your Marshall University degree can be completed by taking Marshall University online courses (MUOnline; see <http://www.marshall.edu/muonline>). In rare cases, Marshall does not offer the necessary courses online. In that case, you have two options: 1) come to campus for the necessary courses; 2) transfer the courses from another university which offers equivalent courses. Marshall has agreements with other universities through national education boards to accept online courses as transfer credit. You might find other universities offering "equivalent" online courses. The MU Admissions Office (admissions@marshall.edu) must be consulted to determine if a course is "equivalent." A student must obtain prior approval before taking a course at another institution, if the student wants those courses to count towards degree requirements at Marshall.