



# YOUR Major Action Plan: Geography & Geographic Information Systems

What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
Agribusiness corporations Outdoor recreation companies Resource management agencies	<b>YOUR Target Courses</b> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including SOSC 1100, GEOG 1303 to meet the Social and Behavioral Science Core area, GEOL 1408 to meet 4 hours of the Life and Physical Science Core area, and MATH 1314 to meet the Math Core area. - See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, <a href="#">Academic Advising Guide</a> , and file your degree plan.	- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including GEOG 1320, GEOG 1451 to meet 4 hours of the Life and Physical Science Core area, and GEOG 2312.
National laboratories Real estate developers Nonprofit organizations Law firms Peace Corps	<b>Find YOUR Way</b> - Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of <a href="#">career counseling and career assessments</a> through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through <a href="#">TexanSync</a> . - Attend <a href="#">Study Skills</a> sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use <a href="#">Academic Resource Center Coaching</a> , <a href="#">Math Clinic</a> , <a href="#">tutoring options</a> , and <a href="#">Writing Center</a> . - Know the <a href="#">FAFSA deadlines</a> each year. - Seek help from <a href="#">Student Counseling Center</a> for home sickness, depression, or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit <a href="#">Student Health Services</a> for physical health related concerns.	- Explore available <a href="#">Applied Learning Experiences (ALE)</a> such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences. - Regardless of whether you want to apply GIS in planning, agriculture, geo-intelligence, environment, or federal, state, or local governments, check out the following opportunities: - GIS intern in Glassdoor - USGS Internship Program - Student internship at NASA - Student and research opportunities at the U.S. Census Bureau
Museums & historical sites Market research firms US Geological Survey	<b>Sharpen YOUR Skills</b> - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects offered. - Start researching the <a href="#">marketable skills</a> that employers are seeking. - Get involved in <a href="#">Service Day</a> and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a <a href="#">Residential Leader (RL)</a> or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM). - Run for <a href="#">Freshman Representative Council</a> with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into <a href="#">Greek Organizations</a> to network and build community.	- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through <a href="#">Volunteer Match</a> or <a href="#">United Way</a> to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by <a href="#">The Office of Diversity and Inclusion</a> and <a href="#">Fine Arts Center</a> for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in <a href="#">Alternative Spring Break</a> . - Run for <a href="#">Student Government Association</a> .
Departments of Defense, Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, & State Federal, state, & local law enforcement agencies	<b>YOUR Next Steps</b> - Check out part-time jobs in <a href="#">Career Services employment system</a> to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend <a href="#">job and graduate school fairs</a> to explore future opportunities. Make a <a href="#">good first impression with your attire</a> . - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas <a href="#">Reality Check</a> tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through <a href="#">SALT</a> .	- Explore <a href="#">career opportunities</a> within your major. - Ask <a href="#">Career Services</a> how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional <a href="#">resume</a> . - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through <a href="#">Portfolioium</a> . Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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Public utilities	YOUR Target Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including BCIS 3333, EASC 3360, ENGL 3309, and GEOG 2451, 3301, and 3451.</li> <li>- See your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with other course options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete remaining credit hours and GEOG 4451, GEOG 4455, and SOCI 3330.</li> <li>- See your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with other course options.</li> <li>- Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate.</li> </ul>
Consulting firms			
Convention centers & tourism bureaus			
Map publishers	Find YOUR Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major.</li> <li>- Consider participating in an undergraduate research project.</li> <li>- Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest.</li> <li>- Take part in the <u>Official Ring Ceremony</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss with your faculty advisor/mentor about possible internship opportunities prior to graduation.</li> <li>- Prepare a dossier of all GIS projects you have completed.</li> <li>- Seek out opportunities for student research competitions.</li> <li>- Plan to attend a few GIS conferences to network.</li> </ul>
Mapping/GIS/GPS software companies			
Public & private schools			
Colleges & universities	Sharpen YOUR Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs.</li> <li>- Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>All For Good</u>.</li> <li>- Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <u>CareerOneStop.org</u> sponsored by the US Department of Labor.</li> <li>- Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace.</li> <li>- Become an <u>Academic Resource Center– Coach Leader</u> (ARC-C Leader)</li> <li>- Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u> or the <u>College Internship Program's website</u>.</li> </ul>
Architecture firms			
Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <u>Occupational Outlook Handbook</u> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.			
	YOUR Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your <u>job-search campaign</u>, schedule <u>mock interviews</u>, resume critiques, and a <u>Business Etiquette Dinner</u>.</li> <li>- Create a <u>LinkedIn</u> profile to further your professional networking.</li> <li>- Check the <u>Career Services calendar</u> for career development workshops.</li> <li>- Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <u>job fairs</u>.</li> <li>- Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for <u>TSU College of Graduate Studies</u>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- File for GRADUATION!</li> <li>- Update your resume in the <u>Career Service's employment system</u>, <u>Portfolium</u>, and <u>LinkedIn</u>.</li> <li>- Compile reference letters, awards, etc.</li> <li>- Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews.</li> <li>- Attend <u>job fairs</u> and <u>dress professionally</u></li> <li>- Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to <u>negotiate a salary</u>.</li> <li>- Graduate! Congratulations!</li> <li>- Join the <u>Tarleton Alumni Association</u> to stay connected to the University. <b>BLEED PURPLE!</b></li> </ul>