



YOUR Major Action Plan: Geography & Geographic Information Systems

| What is YOUR passion? | | 1st YEAR | 2nd YEAR |
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| Agribusiness corporations Outdoor recreation companies Resource management agencies | YOUR Target Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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, Academic Advising Guide, and file your degree plan. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 | Find YOUR Way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through TexanSync. - Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching, Math Clinic, tutoring options, and Writing Center. - Know the FAFSA deadlines each year. - Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression, or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore available Applied Learning Experiences (ALE) 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 | Sharpen YOUR Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 marketable skills that employers are seeking. - Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM). - Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in Alternative Spring Break. - Run for Student Government Association. |
| Departments of Defense, Interior, Commerce, Agriculture, & State Federal, state, & local law enforcement agencies | YOUR Next Steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire. - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through SALT. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore career opportunities within your major. - Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume. - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through Portfolioium. Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include. |

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| What is YOUR passion? | | 3rd YEAR | 4th YEAR |
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| Public utilities Consulting firms Convention centers & tourism bureaus | YOUR Target Courses | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete at least 30 credit hours, including BCIS 3333, EASC 3360, ENGL 3309, and GEOG 2451, 3301, and 3451. - See your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with other course options. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete remaining credit hours and GEOG 4451, GEOG 4455, and SOCI 3330. - See your Academic or Faculty Advisor to assist with other course options. - Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate. |
| Map publishers Mapping/GIS/GPS software companies Public & private schools | | Find YOUR Way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major. - Consider participating in an undergraduate research project. - Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest. - Take part in the <u>Official Ring Ceremony</u>. |
| Colleges & universities Architecture firms Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <u>Occupational Outlook Handbook</u> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics. | Sharpen YOUR Skills | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs. - Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>All For Good</u>. - Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <u>CareerOneStop.org</u> sponsored by the US Department of Labor. - Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace. - Become an <u>Academic Resource Center– Coach Leader</u> (ARC-C Leader) - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area. |
| | | YOUR Next Steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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>. - Create a <u>LinkedIn</u> profile to further your professional networking. - Check the <u>Career Services calendar</u> for career development workshops. - Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <u>job fairs</u>. - Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for <u>TSU College of Graduate Studies</u>. |