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Semester One: [16 Credit Hours]				
GHY 1010	3		X	May count in Integrative Learning Experience "Sustainability & Global Resources" theme depending on choices
UCO 1200	3			May take in fall or spring of first year
Gen Ed Quantitative Literacy	4			
Liberal Studies Experience Course 1	3			HS or FA or LS Designation
Integrative Learning Experience Course 1	3			HS or FA or LS Designation
Semester Two: [14 Credit Hours]				
GHY 1020 OR GHY 1040	3		X	Counts as Liberal Studies Experience Course 2 and SS Designation
PLN 2410	3		X	
RC 1000	3			May take in fall or spring of first year
Liberal Studies Experience Course 3	3			
Gen Ed Wellness Literacy	1			
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Semester Three : [16 Credit Hours]				
GHY 2310	3		X	
RC 2001	3			May take in fall or spring of sophomore year
Foreign Language 1040 (or CSD 3372)	3			1020 or 1030 is prerequisite; If test out of this level, take appropriate level or Free Elective if language is complete (FL 1060 may be an option for some languages)
Gen Ed Science Inquiry	4			
Integrative Learning Experience Course 2	3			HS or LS or FA Designation
Semester Four: [16 Credit Hours]				
GHY 2812 or PLN 2812	3		X	
Foreign Language 1050 (or CSD 3374)	3			Counts as Liberal Studies Experience Course 4 ; if language complete, take Free Elective
Gen Ed Science Inquiry	4			
Integrative Learning Experience Course 3	3			If Gen Ed is complete, take Free Elective
Free Elective	3			
Semester Five: [15 Credit Hours]				
GHY 3000	3		X	[WID]
Geographic Methods Course	3		X	For choices, see Geographic Methods area on POS
Minor Course 1	3			



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Free Elective	3			
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Semester Six: [15 Credit Hours]				
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GHY 3800 or PLN 3800	3		X	
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Human Geography Course	3		X	See Human Geography area on POS for choices
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Minor Course 2	3			
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Minor Course 3	3			
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Free Elective	3			
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Semester Seven: [15 Credit Hours]				
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Physical Geography Course	3		X	See Physical Geography area on POS for choices
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GHY Elective 1	3		X	Must be at or above 3000 level
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GHY Elective 2	3		X	Must be at or above 3000 level
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Minor Course 4	3			
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Minor Course 5	3			
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Semester Eight: [13 Credit Hours]				
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GHY 4830 or PLN 4830	3		X	CAPSTONE
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Regional Geography Course	3		X	See Regional Geography area on POS for choices
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GHY Elective 3	3		X	Must be at or above 3000 level
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Minor Course 6	3			If needed for an 18 hour minor; otherwise Free Elective
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Minor Course 7	*1			If needed for a 21 hour minor; otherwise Free Elective; Take enough Free Electives to reach the minimum 120 required for the degree.
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General Requirements Summary				
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Minimum Total Hours	Gen Ed. Hours	Writing	Minimum	
			Major GPA	Overall GPA



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120	44	RC 1000 and RC 2001	2.0	2.0
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All GHY courses and all courses in Major Requirements area on Program of Study count in major GPA.

***Some minors require a 2.0 GPA. See Programs of Study for information.**

General Education Program Model - 44 Semester Hours Total		
Program Categories	Hours	Important Notes – <i>Be sure to check for Gen Ed courses required in your major</i>
First Year Seminar	3	Can be taken first or second semester of freshman year
Wellness Literacy	2	
Quantitative Literacy	4	
First Year Writing	3	Can be taken first or second semester of freshman year
Sophomore Writing	3	
Integrative Learning Experience	9	Must choose a minimum of two disciplines
Liberal Studies Experience	12	Must choose a minimum of three disciplines
Science Inquiry	8	
<p>You must also meet the Fine Arts, Literary Studies, Historical Studies, and the Social Science Designations. Those may be met within the Integrative Learning Experience and the Liberal Studies Experience.</p>		

Additional Notes

- Minor outside Geography required for this degree.
- Foreign language requirement:
 - Student must take the Foreign Language Placement Test to determine starting course for the foreign language sequence.
 - If Foreign Language 1010 & 1020 taken for prerequisite purposes, they will count in place of 6 hours of Free Electives (3 hours per course).
 - FL 1030 may substitute for FL 1010 & 1020 for some languages; FL 1060 may substitute for FL 1040 & 1050 for some languages.
 - Foreign language classes can be taken in summer semesters.



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- Students are required to demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a language other than English. Intermediate-level proficiency is demonstrated by successful completion of a 4th-semester language course (FL 1050 or 1060 or CSD 3374). A higher-level language course that requires one of these courses as a prerequisite may also be used to fulfill the requirement.
 - Placement exams are required for several languages. Should a student place higher than the beginning level, any lower level requirements listed on the four year guide will need to be replaced with a free elective if needed for total hours for the degree. Please consult with your advisor for more information.
 - **Note: Appalachian's language placement test is designed for placement purposes only, and a score on this test alone is not sufficient to demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency.**
- Residency Requirements:
 - 30 hours must be from ASU
 - 18 hours in the major must be from ASU
 - 9 hours in the minor must be from ASU