

UCLA Geography | Major/Minor Course Substitution Petition (rev. 23S)

Course substitutions are considered on a case-by-case basis. Eligible substitutions are approved to count toward the major/minor requirements if they 1) are letter-graded “B” or above and 2) explicitly demonstrate or engage geographical approaches, theories, and scholarship. The department allows up to a maximum of two (2) upper division (UD) courses completed outside of UCLA Geography to count towards a GEOG major/minor with the Undergraduate Faculty Committee’s approval. Substitutions for lower division GEOG courses are not permitted. Pre-approval is not provided.

To petition a course, please complete this form and submit with the proposed course’s syllabus and/or reading list attached AFTER the course you have taken is reflected on your UCLA academic record or degree audit. The course’s syllabus and/or reading list should include a) course description, b) required assignments and required readings (indicating # of pages per week), and c) the course schedule. If a syllabus is not available or does not include all the information requested (a – c), please supplement the details yourself on a separate sheet of paper and attach.

Petitions are reviewed 2x’s per quarter and typically take 3 – 4 weeks for a decision. Students may submit one petition per course completed. If the petition is denied, the decision is final.

Please complete the form legibly and attach page(s) to complete answers, if necessary.

NAME (LAST, First)	Date
UID number	Email
Your current Major	Your current Minor
Course Title and course #	Where was this course completed?
What term (quarter or semester)?	Course units?

- 1) Indicate the exact GEOG course number(s) AND what area (or cluster if you are a Geog/Environmental Major) you want the petitioned course to be a substitute for:
- 2) Is this course comparable to any courses currently offered in the geography department? If so, please identify the exact course and explain how both the content and approach of the proposed course you is similar (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary).
- 3) Was this comparable course offered this academic year? (Check the Registrar’s Schedule of Classes for the last time it was offered)
- 4) In which subfield of geography does the content of this course best fit? (Select from the following) Biogeography, Physical Geography, GIS, Environmental Studies, Social/Cultural Geography, Political Geography, Economic Geography, Population Geography, Urban Geography, Historical Geography, Regional Geography.
- 5) Describe HOW the course took a specifically geographical perspective, engage with the work of geographers, or engage with geographic theory (Please attach an additional sheet if necessary).