COMBINED BACHELOR’S-MASTER’S IN GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

The Department of Geography and Environmental Planning offers a combined bachelor’s and master’s program that allows students to complete their undergraduate and graduate degrees in a shorter time frame. Students enrolled in these programs may follow one of three tracks:

1. Global Skills,
2. Environmental Geography and Planning or
3. General Geography.

All students enrolled in the graduate program must demonstrate proficiency in research. The Global Skills track is a non-thesis track. Students enrolled in either the Environmental Geography and Planning or General Geography track may choose the thesis or non-thesis option. All non-thesis students must complete a final research paper.

Admission Requirements

• Students may apply for this program during the first term of their junior year. Transfer students must have completed a minimum of two terms as full-time students at Towson University.
• Students may begin the program once they have completed a minimum of 75 but no more than 96 units in their undergraduate program.
• A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.25 overall and in the major, at the time of application, is required for full admission to the program. All GPA calculations for admission are based upon the last 60 units of undergraduate study.
• During the second term of the senior year, the student must also complete a graduate application with the University Admissions Office.

Combined Bachelor’s-Master’s Degree Requirements (minimum 36 units)

• 9 units taken at the 500 and 600 levels during the senior year will be counted toward fulfilling the 36 units.
• The bachelor’s degree will be awarded after all the degree requirements for the bachelor’s are met, which should normally be at the end of the fourth year.
• GEOG 601 will fulfill the GEOG 401 requirement for the undergraduate portion of the course.
• Elective courses to meet a minimum of 33 units.
• Please see the Graduate Catalog for the complete M.A. Degree Requirements (http://catalog.towson.edu/graduate/degree-certificate-programs/liberal-arts/geography-environmental-planning-ma).

Required Courses for Global Skills Track

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Students will present a paper based on their internship to the graduate faculty for review. If the paper is judged unacceptable, the student may re-present the paper at a later date set by the faculty.

Withdrawal and Ineligibility

• Students may withdraw by informing the chair and graduate program director in writing.
• Students who complete the bachelor’s but decide not to continue with the M.A. program will terminate their program with the fulfillment of all the requirements of the bachelor’s degree.
• A student who drops out will be allowed to use the grad courses to complete the bachelor’s degree.
• Students who do not follow the approved plan of graduate work may become ineligible to participate in the combined program. If a student becomes ineligible, the Geography graduate director will inform the student in writing.
• Students who are ineligible to participate in or who withdraw from the combined degree program cannot double count any courses for both bachelor’s and master’s degrees.
• Students who are ineligible to participate in or who withdraw from the combined degree program must complete GEOG 401 to complete the undergraduate degree.