

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT FOR A PROGRAM OF STUDY LEADING TO A
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCES (BS) FROM
CONCORD UNIVERSITY
AND A
MASTER OF ARTS IN GEOGRAPHY FROM
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY**

Marshall University (Marshall, an accredited institution of higher education located in Huntington, WV) and Concord University (Concord, an accredited institution of higher education located in Athens, WV) recognize that certain students have the capacity and readiness to complete their undergraduate education in Environmental Geosciences and their master's degree in Geography in less than the normally required years of study.

Marshall and Concord hereby establish an accelerated program of study, the Accelerated Master of Arts Program in Geography (AMAPG). Concord undergraduate seniors, while completing their bachelor's degree, are eligible to take graduate courses at Marshall under this program, providing the opportunity to complete both the bachelor's degree in Environmental Geosciences at Concord and the master's degree in Geography at Marshall in approximately five years of full-time study.

All courses required for the MA in Geography from Marshall are offered both online and in the classroom.

Concord students interested in the AMAPG should consult with their Concord academic advisor and the program coordinator for the MA Geography program at Marshall, both of whom will serve as contacts and advisors for the purposes of discussing and planning the AMAPG application and completion process.

Marshall and Concord agree to the following terms of the AMAPG.

I. Acceptance into AMAPG.

- a. Acceptance into the AMAPG shall be open to only those Concord students who:
 - i. Will have completed at least 90 undergraduate credit hours at Concord before taking a graduate course at Marshall;
 - ii. Have an overall undergraduate GPA of 3.30 (exceptions for students with a lower GPA are possible with the support of the student's Concord advisor);
 - iii. Are recommended by their advisor or major department member in a letter provided as part of the application to the AMAPG.
- b. Concord will accept as transfer credits applicable to the bachelor's degree up to 6 semester credits of graduate coursework completed at Marshall in which the student received a grade of at least C.
- c. Students applying to the AMAPG must supply to the AMAPG Program and the appropriate MU Admissions office:
 - i. All official undergraduate transcripts;
 - ii. A curriculum vitae (CV) and/or résumé with the AMAPG application;
 - iii. A letter of recommendation from their advisor or major department member.
- d. Students from Concord who have not yet completed the requirements for the

baccalaureate degree may be granted admission to Marshall as “undergraduate transient students.” Students will retain the transient status while remaining in good academic standing.

- e. Students must apply to the AMAPG and be admitted as undergraduate transient students either by the end of July following the junior year of undergraduate studies (to begin a full year of accelerated studies in the fall) or by the end of November of the senior year of undergraduate studies (to begin a half year of accelerated studies in the spring).
- f. Following the receipt of all required materials, the AMAPG director will review and arrive at an admission decision.

II. Enrollment in classes at Marshall

- a. Upon acceptance into the AMAPG program at Marshall, the student may enroll in up to two graduate courses per semester at Marshall as an undergraduate transient student while completing the bachelor’s degree requirements at Concord.
- b. Students may accrue a maximum of 12 graduate credit hours total from Marshall as an undergraduate transient student.
- c. In the semester prior to completion of the bachelor’s degree, the student should apply for graduate admission to Marshall, the MA in Geography at Marshall as a degree seeking graduate student.
- d. A student must maintain a graduate GPA of 3.0 each semester to continue in the AMAPG and the MA in Geography program at Marshall.
- e. Students pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Geography through the AMAPG agreement will be bound by the Marshall curriculum requirements in effect at the time they are officially accepted into the program.

III. Tuition and Financial Aid

- a. Students pay tuition to Marshall for the graduate courses for this program.
- b. Until the time of conferral of the bachelor’s degree from Concord, Concord will process all financial aid for these students, including federal aid. Concord will be responsible for adhering to all federal regulations for these students. The Concord Financial Aid Office may request information at any time regarding the students’ enrollment and course completion needed to adhere to federal guidelines. Upon conferral of the bachelor’s degree by Concord and admission to and enrollment in the MA at Marshall, Marshall will process financial aid that the student is eligible to receive.
- c. All Concord AMAPG students will be eligible for scholarships and grants made generally available to all incoming students by the MA in Geography program once admitted and enrolled as full-time graduate students at Marshall.

IV. Maintenance, Amendment, Review, and Termination of this Agreement

- a. Concord and Marshall agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreement

and to ensure program consistency and quality, and transferability for the benefit of the students of both institutions.

- b. Concord and Marshall agree to maintain their status as regionally accredited institutions of higher education.
- c. Concord and Marshall may periodically review the AMAPG and this agreement for possible amendment.
- d. This agreement shall become effective on April 1, 2022.
- e. This agreement shall terminate on June 30, 2027.
- f. At any time prior to June 30, 2027, this agreement may be terminated upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party: provided that the students currently pursuing a degree shall be permitted to complete the degree.
- g. Marshall and Concord agree to renegotiate this agreement as necessary due to changes in curriculum or graduation requirements implemented by either institution.

The terms of this agreement are hereby approved on April 1, 2022 by the respective administration of the two schools.



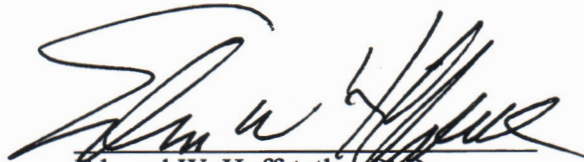
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Year 1 - Plan of Study Recommended for AMAPG students

While completing the senior year at Concord, we recommend the following Marshall graduate courses for AMAPG students. Substitutions are possible, consult your Marshall advisor.

Fall 1	Credit hours
GEO 601 Colloquium in Geography	1
GEO 615 Geographic Thought	3
Total Fall	4
Spring 1	
GEO 616 Geographical Research Methods	3
GEO 5xx elective	3-4
Total Spring	6-7

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Year 2 - Plan of Study Recommended for AMAPG students

Upon admission to Marshall and selecting the Master of Arts in Geography major, the department will assign an advisor to the student who will help the student select courses necessary to complete the degree. All courses required to finish the MA in Geography are available in the classroom and online. A student must complete a minimum of 34 graduate hours, of which 17 must be taken at the 600-level. Core Required courses are *italic*. Courses should be taken in the sequence shown in order to facilitate timely graduation.

Summer (optional)	Credit hours
GEO electives	3-6
Fall 2	
GEO 6xx elective	3-4
GEO 540 Spatial Statistics and GIS	4
GEO 5xx any GIScience course	3-4
Total Fall	10-12
Spring 2	
GEO 6xx elective	3
GEO 679 Portfolio and Career Profile	4
GEO 5xx elective	3-4
Total Spring	10-11