

Geog 685 Projects in Teaching Geography (1-3 units)

Prerequisites: Upper division standing. Grade of B or better in course of training.
Instructor's consent. May be repeated for a total of 3 units.

Course content: Training in the teaching of geography. Responsibilities include working with supervising faculty to review and prepare course materials, tutor students, conduct small discussion groups and give brief lectures and demonstrations.

Geog 785: College Teaching of Geography (1-3 units)

Prerequisites: Graduate status. Grade of B or better in course of training.

Instructor's consent. May be repeated for 3 units total of degree credit.

Course content: Training in the teaching of geography. Work with supervising faculty to review and prepare course materials, tutor students, conduct small discussion groups and give brief lectures/demonstrations.

To arrange a 685/785 Experience:

- Contact your potential faculty sponsor *in advance* of the semester during which you want to arrange a 685/785 experience, or no later than the beginning of the semester. You should have previous coursework with this faculty member and they must be willing to supervise your 685/785 experience to help you develop competencies in geographic pedagogy.
- Obtain a permit number for the class on the first day of the semester and register online.

To determine units/work schedule:

- You must be able to devote enough time to Geog 685/785 to make it worth your faculty sponsor's time. A one-unit 685/785 requires three (3) hours per week throughout the semester (15 weeks.) Each additional unit requires three additional hours of work per week.
- Geog 685/785 units are added to regular course load. SFSU requires students to petition for permission to exceed 19 units in a semester. A full graduate student load is 10-12 units. Exceeding the standard course load is not advisable.

Course requirements and evaluation:

- Develop a written job description with your faculty sponsor detailing your activities, responsibilities, work schedule and how you will be graded. Submit this to the department chair during the first three weeks of the semester.
- Schedule at least 6 meetings with your faculty sponsor to discuss pedagogic issues and course responsibilities with your faculty supervisor, preferably at two- to three-week intervals.
- Bring a 1-page written self-assessment of your Geog 685/785 involvement to your faculty supervisor at the last scheduled meeting. Attach examples of work you have produced (if possible.)