

The Geography Program at UNO prepares students to achieve successful and satisfying careers in a culturally diverse, high-tech, interconnected global society.

Geography is much more than learning about what is where; it is the discipline that seeks to answer powerful questions such as: Why do some regions of the world enjoy peace and prosperity while others endure poverty and the ravages of war? What will happen as the world runs out of oil? What can we do to better manage this and other vital resources? How will climate change affect people and biodiversity in different places and at different times? Is our society really becoming less equitable, and if so, why?

There is perhaps no other discipline as diverse as geography – an enviable strength given the complex and inter-disciplinary nature of the social, economic, and environmental challenges we face today. Geographic knowledge and skills are central to the future of the developing global society. The world needs inquisitive, well-rounded thinkers; the world needs geographers!

Course Highlights in Geography:

- **Geography in Film:** This course examines contemporary films from around the world and how they depict places, the environment, and the lives of people.
- **Geography, Gender and Work:** Considers the nature of space, of gender, and of work, and progress through topics including the gendering of work and the geography of occupational segregation.
- **Geography of Economic Globalization:** A study of the geography of economic globalization and the geography of the world economy.

Knowledge & Skills Gained as a Geography Major:

Knowledge:

- Understand how human activities, landscapes, and other physical, biological, and cultural phenomena vary across space, and the factors that influence these patterns.
- Geography graduates understand the relationships between society and the environment; both how people affect natural systems (and how natural systems affect people.
- Awareness of the causes and implications of an increasingly connected world and how geography and geopolitics are related to domestic and foreign policy decisions.

Skills:

- Creative problem-solving, able to communicate with a diverse audience and apply practical analytical and technical skills in a diversity of settings.
- Ability to read, analyze, and construct maps for a variety of purposes and audiences. Use geographic information systems software and other applications to display and analyze spatial data.
- Use geographic techniques and perspectives to address a variety of contemporary issues such as demographic changes, economic inequality, environmental justice, urbanization, and more.
- Understand and appreciate the value of different cultures and perspectives.

Concentrations Available:

- Human Geography
- Physical/Environmental geography
- GIS/Cartography
- Urban & Regional Planning
- Travel & Tourism

Career Opportunities:

By nature, Liberal Arts majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in all walks of society. Specifically though, Geography majors often pursue careers in:

- Geospatial Information Scientist
- Geospatial Analyst
- Spatial Analysis Consultant
- GIS Developer
- Remote Sensing Analyst
- Geointelligence Specialist
- Urban and Regional Planner
- Surveyor
- Cartographer
- Mapping Technician
- Demographer
- Geography Teacher/Professor

Did You Know?

- \$74,760 was the median annual salary for geographers in 2012 *
- Job opportunities for geographers will grow by 29% in the next 10 years *
- The term “geography” is credited to the ancient Greek mathematician Eratosthenes, who accurately measured Earth’s circumference 2,200 years ago.
- Like paintings and other works of art, old hand-drawn maps are often quite valuable and prized by collectors. In 2010, a 1789 map of America sold for \$3.7 million.

* US Bureau of Labor Statistics

Student Opportunities:

- Geography club
- *Geographic Explorations* academic learning community
- Faculty-led field trips both inside and outside of class
- Charles Gildersleeve Scholarship
- Service learning opportunities
- Student research opportunities

Geography Major at a glance:

Number of majors: 109

Degrees offered: B.A., B.S.

Concentrations: Human Geography, Physical/ Environmental Geography, GIS/Cartography, Urban & Regional Planning, Travel & Tourism

Credit hours needed: 40-49

Minor offered: Yes (22-24 credits)

For more information:

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