

GEOGRAPHY, B.A.

The Bachelor of Arts in Geography degree focuses on the human and social processes that shape our interactions with the world. This major is ideal for students interested in pursuing natural resource management, human rights, cultural geography, city planning or similar social science fields.

Compared to the B.S. in geography, the B.A. offers students the opportunity to take additional courses in the humanities and social sciences while still providing a solid foundation in the physical science and technology subfields of geography.

Students will learn to analyze and evaluate physical environments and human systems, organize and interpret data, use geospatial technologies and statistics, and communicate findings effectively. The skills students build in the geography program translate across fields in the academic, business, government and non-profit sectors.

Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate in written and oral forms. These outcomes are evaluated together because they are connected for our students who often are in careers where their written work is the substance of their oral presentations. We see the linkage of the two to be the most important aspect.
2. Students will demonstrate understanding of and the use of one geographical technique such as GIS, remote sensing, cartography, or spatial statistics.
3. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the central themes within the discipline.
4. Students will be prepared for careers in the field or for graduate study in geography.