Geography helps answer big questions about Earth’s physical and human system. In the Department of Geography, students work with renowned faculty using modern technology to develop the skills necessary to find real-world solutions to pressing issues such as climate change, migration, food shortages and natural disasters.

Our department offers several degree programs and covers a range of topics, including the nature of places and sustainability. Majors may choose between a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science in geography. We also offer a flexible geography minor and a more specialized minor in climate and society. In addition, the Geospatial Intelligence Certificate Program equips students to respond to situations like natural disasters, humanitarian crises and environmental monitoring.

Minors

The Department of Geography offers a flexible general geography minor that requires 18 credit hours in geography courses. Students may not apply more than 3 credit hours from the 100 level and not more than 9 credit hours from the 200 level.

Besides the general geography minor, students may instead choose a specialized minor in the following areas: environmental geography, geographic information science, meteorology and climatology, physical geography, and regional geography. Please see a faculty advisor in the Department of Geography for more details on the requirements for specialized minors.