



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Geography

General Departmental Information

Geography's traditional concern with the inter-relatedness of the natural and human environments, and reasons for their differences from place to place, provides important insights into many of the complex problems facing society today. The Department stresses flexibility in the selection of course sequences for majors and encourages study in related departments among the social and natural sciences. The Department is an active participant in the following university programs: Environmental Studies, Energy Studies, Asia/Pacific Studies, Latin American Studies, International Studies and Programs, and Resource Management graduate program. The department also maintains a well-appointed Geographic Information Systems (GIS) laboratory which benefits majors from other programs in addition to geography. If you choose to major in Geography, you will be required to take a core sequence of five courses. The B.A. allows great flexibility in working out a major with the help of one of our faculty advisors. Your major will include a combination of courses in Geography and related fields, as approved by one of our departmental advisors, that will best enable you to achieve your goals in life, a Geography-related career (e.g., planning, GIS, environmental/resource management) and/or graduate school.

Degrees, Specializations, Minors & Certifications

Students will receive a Bachelor of Arts degree with one of the following majors: Geography Major (45 Credits), Geography Major (60 Credits), or Teaching Major.

Geography Major (45 Credits)

This major is recommended for students who wish to develop a broad knowledge of Geography yet retain the overall flexibility to prepare themselves for a variety of employment opportunities or graduate study. Students taking this major are required to have a second major or a minor.

Geography Major (60 Credits)

This major is intended for students who wish to develop depth and breadth in a particular portion of Geography in preparation for a career or graduate study in Geography. Students may specialize in one of five tracks within the Geography Major-60

credits: Geotechniques, Global and Area Studies, Physical Geography, Planning, Environmental /Resource Geography. Recommended electives for each of these specializations are listed on the department's Web page. In consultation with a departmental advisor, students may choose a specialization and design a program of component courses which best fits specific career goals and aspirations.

Teaching Major

Senior high school teachers are advised to accompany this with a major in a field in which a major portion of a full-time teaching assignment can be expected. Junior high school teachers must combine this with minors in both History and English. For elementary school teaching see the Department of Teacher Education Programs. Please note: Geography is no longer a valid endorsement for education majors in the state of Washington.

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