

Academic Fact Sheet

Wayne State College

GEOGRAPHY (36 Hours)

The Geography major is administered by the History, Politics and Geography Department.

Facts about the Program

Degrees Offered:

B.A.
B.S.

Faculty:

Randy Bertolas, Ph.D. (Geography)
Kelly Dilliard, Ph.D. (Earth Science)
Leslie Rawlings, Ph.D. (Geography)

Career Opportunities

Many federal agencies hire geographers including all branches of the military, the CIA, State Department, Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Defense Mapping Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, and Bureau of the Census. Also, nearly all large cities employ geographers, and persons with geographic training are those most in demand at planning agencies. Opportunities in education at the high school and postsecondary level are especially strong today as more school districts realize the importance of global education.

Specific positions are available in areas including: foreign service, espionage, the military, urban and regional planning, transportation systems development, foreign risk analysis, cartography, resource and environmental management, industrial location, marketing, real estate development, park development, teaching and geospatial technology.

Program Description

The Geography department offers a major and a minor in Geography. These programs give students a global perspective as well as a general understanding of the field. The program is designed to acquaint the student with the natural and human systems of the earth, its physical make-up, its place in the universe, its political, economic and cultural development and the ways in which all of these interconnect.

Special Offerings

There are three Departmental Student Organizations:

- Pi Gamma Mu, Social Sciences Honorary
- Gamma Theta Upsilon, Geography Honorary
- Explorers Club

Internships/Co-ops - many students also participate in internships and/or co-operative education opportunities with area municipalities and state agencies.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

Wayne State College is committed to providing a quality, affordable education for its students. There are several types of financial assistance available for Wayne State students, including grants, loans, work-study and scholarships. The aid packages are composed of money from PELL grants, SEOG grants, Nebraska Opportunity Grants (NOG), Perkins loans, Stafford student loans, PLUS loans and a variety of scholarships. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (402) 375-7230 for further information.

Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships associated with their major/minor. The awards are based on past achievements, predicted successes, special abilities, and/or financial need.

-John David Robinson Scholarship

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FRESHMAN YEAR

1st Semester

ENG	102	English Composition Skills	3
EAS	110	Intro to Meteorology	4
GEO	120	World Regional Geography	3
		General Education	3
		Life Science	<u>3-4</u>
			16-17

2nd Semester

CNA	100	Prin. of Human Communication	3
EAS	120	Intro to Geology	4
HIS	120	World History	3
		General Education	<u>6</u>
			16

GST 110 Succeeding in College (2) may be recommended during the freshman year.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

3rd Semester

		Math by advisement	3
GEO	315	World Economic Geography	3
		Minor course	3
		General Education	<u>6</u>
			15

4th Semester

GEO	430	Geographic Information Systems	3
		Minor course	3
		Electives	3
		General Education	<u>6</u>
			15

JUNIOR YEAR

5th Semester

		Upper level General Ed	3
GEO	410	Hazards and Disasters	3
		EAS OR GEO elective(s)	3-6
		Minor course(s)	<u>3-6</u>
			15-18

6th Semester

		Upper level General Ed	3
		EAS OR GEO elective(s)	3-6
		Minor course(s)	3-6
		Elective	<u>3</u>
			15-18

SENIOR YEAR

Continue coursework to fulfill remaining major, minor and graduation requirements.

NOTE: The above sequence is only a suggestion. Final decision rest with the student and the academic advisor(s) and will vary depending on the schedule, major/minor requirements, etc. Please see catalog for a complete listing of program requirements.

OTHER

Students are encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their general education program. (See appropriate section of catalog.) Students may graduate in less than four years by completing some courses during summer sessions.