Geography is the lens through which we come to understand global and regional conflicts over land, resources, migration, demographics, and the ongoing struggles of humanity. It's important that every generation understands geographical concepts in order to understand the world. If you have a passion for geography and enjoy teaching, a geography education degree is an excellent choice. At Wayne State, you'll research things such as physical landscapes, cultural similarities and differences, and population patterns. You'll learn how to use computer mapping software, called geographic information systems (GIS), to show and help you understand your findings. After studying these geographical foundations, you'll be ready to teach geography in a school setting.

The geography education subject endorsement is not a standalone program. You will need to select a second subject endorsement to receive your B.A. or B.S.

**Skills Learned**
- World regional geography
- Human and physical geography
- Political and economic geography
- Geography of recreation, tourism, and sport
- Geographic information systems
- Computer mapping
- Map reading and spatial analysis
- Geospatial reasoning
- Environmental awareness
- Cultural and global awareness

**Possible Careers**
- Geography teacher
- Social studies teacher
- Cartographer
- Geography education specialist
- Community planner
- Criminal intelligence analyst
- Environmental planner
- Urban planning specialist
- Land surveyor

**Types of Employers**
- Middle schools
- High schools
- Colleges and universities
- Education and learning centers
- Museums and exhibitions
- Transportation companies
- Conservation societies
- National parks
- Travel agencies
- Government / federal agencies

**Popular pairings:** English as a Second Language (ESL), Coaching (7-12)

**Activities / Opportunities**
- Northeast Nebraska Teacher Academy (NETA)
- Research projects
- Geography competitions
- Peer mentoring and tutoring
- Service-Learning
- Study Abroad

**Clubs / Organizations**
- Explorers Club
- Gamma Theta Upsilon (Geography Honorary)
- Pi Gamma Mu (Social Sciences Honorary)
- Wayne Student Education Association of Nebraska (WSEAN)
The listed sequence is only a suggestion. Final decision rest with the student and the academic advisor(s) and will vary depending on the schedule, endorsement requirements, etc.

Students should plan to complete some courses during the summer semester if they wish to complete graduation requirements in a four-year period.

Students seeking education endorsements need to work closely with their advisors regarding the required coursework in the subject endorsements and in professional education.

Students are encouraged to consider taking a foreign language as part of their general studies program. (See appropriate section of catalog.) Please see catalog for a complete listing of program requirements.

**FRESHMAN - 1st semester**
- ENG 102 Composition Skills (General Studies CAT 1) ........................................ 3
- GEO 120 World Regional Geography ........................................................................... 3
- HIS 120 World History (General Studies CAT 10) ......................................................... 3
- General Studies by advisement ..................................................................................... 6

**FRESHMAN - 2nd semester**
- CNA 100 Principles of Human Communication (General Studies CAT 2) ................. 3
- EDU 150 Professional Education in a Diverse Society .................................................... 3
- GEO 130 Physical Geography ......................................................................................... 3
- Math by advisement (General Studies CAT 3) ................................................................. 3
- General Studies .................................................................................................................. 3

It is recommended that the student satisfactorily completes the Core exam by the completion of the freshman year.

**SOPHOMORE - 1st semester**
- GEO endorsement courses ......................................................................................... 6
- Professional education course ....................................................................................... 3
- General Studies CAT 7 ...................................................................................................... 3
- General Studies by advisement ...................................................................................... 3

**SOPHOMORE - 2nd semester**
- EDU course(s) by advisement .................................................................................... 3-6
- GEO endorsement course(s) ......................................................................................... 3
- Second endorsement course(s) .................................................................................... 3-6

**JUNIOR - 1st semester**
- EDU course(s) by advisement .................................................................................... 3-6
- GEO endorsement course(s) ......................................................................................... 3-6
- General Studies by advisement .................................................................................... 3-6
- Second endorsement course(s) .................................................................................... 3-6

**JUNIOR - 2nd semester**
- EDU course(s) by advisement .................................................................................... 3-6
- GEO endorsement course(s) ......................................................................................... 3-6
- Second endorsement course(s) .................................................................................... 3-6

Continue coursework to fulfill remaining endorsement, second endorsement, education, and graduation requirements.

All persons seeking Nebraska certification are required to provide proof of a passing score on the Praxis II content test designated for the area(s) of endorsement. For information about the test requirements, please visit the Nebraska Department of Education website at www.education.ne.gov.

Advancement to Level 2: Acceptance to Teacher Education Candidacy (required to take all EDU 300/400 level courses)

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