

# GEOGRAPHY

## **Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Geography**

### **Minor in Geography**

#### **Department Chair**

Joseph Leeper

#### **Department of Geography**

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### **The Program**

We offer a quality undergraduate program incorporating a wide range of courses in human and physical geography and cartography. The department upholds a strong tradition of field study, such as annual expeditions to the Tibet Plateau, the Grand Canyon, the Sierra Nevada, and other Western venues as well as linkages to overseas programs in China, Europe, and Latin America. Geography also sponsors an annual delegation to the West Coast Model Arab League.

Research and teaching facilities include a 15-station laboratory dedicated to mapping and design. Cartographic and visualization skills are incorporated throughout the geography curriculum.

The department is a center for geographic education in California. It is the headquarters of the California Geographic Alliance, which specializes in geography outreach for teachers, students, and the general public. The department also houses the California Geographic Bee.

Opportunities abound for students to participate in geographic education outreach efforts through internships and other activities. Geography has a strong record of placing students in prestigious internships with organizations such as the National Geographic Society, the National Park Service, the California Coastal Commission, and local planning agencies.

Our graduates find employment in a number of fields, including teaching, environmental and city planning, international development, foreign affairs, and cartography. Many go on to pursue graduate degrees in geography or related fields.

### **Preparation**

In high school take history, government, mathematics, science, and a foreign language.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR**

*Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in all required courses for the major:*

#### **Lower Division**

GEOG 105 Cultural Geography  
GEOG 106 Physical Geography  
GEOG 216 Mapping Science

#### **Upper Division**

##### **Foundation** course:

GEOG 311 Geographic Research  
& Writing;

##### Two **human/cultural** courses from:

GEOG 300 Global Awareness  
GEOG 304 Migrations & Mosaics  
GEOG 360 Geography of the World  
Economy

GEOG 363 Political Geography  
GEOG 364 Urban Geography  
GEOG 470 Topics in Geography  
for Teachers

GEOG 471 Topics in Systematic  
Geography

##### Two **physical/environmental** courses from:

GEOG 301/ENVS 301 Int'l Environmental  
Issues & Globalization  
GEOG 352 Regional Climatology  
GEOG 353 Mountain Geography  
GEOG 473 Topics in Advanced  
Physical Geography

##### One **techniques** course from:

GEOG 316 Computer Cartography  
GEOG 416 Advanced Cartography  
Design Seminar  
NRPI 377 Introduction to GIS Concepts  
NRPI 470 Intermediate GIS

##### One **regional** course from:

GEOG 309i Silk Road  
GEOG 322 California  
GEOG 332 Geography of the  
Mediterranean  
GEOG 335 Geography of the Middle East  
GEOG 340 Geography of the Pacific Basin  
GEOG 341 Middle America  
GEOG 344 South America  
GEOG 472 Topics in Regional Geography

### **Senior capstone** course:

GEOG 411 Senior Field Research

**Completion of a related minor:** determined in consultation with an advisor

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MINOR**

*Students must earn a minimum grade of C- in all required courses for the minor:*

GEOG 105 Cultural Geography  
GEOG 106 Physical Geography

Plus three upper division electives via written contract with the department chair

