BA in Geography with Emphasis in General Geography

Degree Program Description

Geographers are interested in a wide range of topics and often work in interdisciplinary teams that analyze challenges like environmental change, resource use, and economic issues in an increasingly interdependent world. Students who select the general geography track plan their own upper-division coursework in order to receive a very broadly-structured education, typically selecting courses from all three of the GIS, physical geography, and human geography emphasis areas. Geography prepares students for a variety of professions including careers in environmental impact assessment, mapping, remote sensing, geographic information analysis, government service, military intelligence, as well as education. Geographers are interested in a wide range of topics and often work in interdisciplinary teams that analyze challenges like environmental change, resource use, and economic issues in an increasingly interdependent world. Geography majors receive marketable skills during their undergraduate experience. Recent graduates work for companies such as ESRI and Garmin. MU geography graduates have also found employment with government agencies, including the National Park Service, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, U.S. Geological Survey, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and Missouri Department of Transportation.

Major Program Requirements

This area is designed for students with a broad interest in geographical studies. Due to the general nature of this emphasis area, students must develop in consultation with their advisor a personal plan of study outlining specific goals and course requirements. Four geography courses are required.

Semester Plan

A sample plan of study has not been designed for this major. Students should contact the academic department for assistance with academic planning.