

About the Department

Our department offers a very wide variety of courses that lead to a B.A. in global studies or a B.A. in geography (or a dual major). Our courses are aimed at enhancing our students' ability to understand and interpret today's constantly changing world. They also allow students to explore critical issues that affect all our lives (such as immigration, urbanization, global warming, the changing global economy, poverty, and child labor).

Our programs prepare students for a wealth of rewarding careers. Students who have completed courses in geographic information systems (GIS) are particularly sought-after in fields such as marketing, computer mapping, local government, education, law enforcement and the military. We work with students to help them find rewarding internships where they can earn credits toward their degree. Our graduates have found employment in a wide variety of occupations, and many students have gone on to graduate school or entered service-oriented job programs such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America.

The Department of Global Studies and Geography works closely with students to tailor a program that meets their interests and needs, and helps shape a rewarding post-Hofstra career.



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Geography Program



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Geography as a Profession

OVERVIEW

Geography is an excellent choice for a major or minor at Hofstra. Its concepts, theories and methods are applicable to a wide range of occupations. We also encourage internships in a variety of settings, such as state and local government, the private sector, and international organizations, and Hofstra's many study abroad opportunities complement the courses we offer.

The geography major and minor provide marketable skills that enable graduates to move beyond entry-level positions, and they are a solid foundation for students who plan to pursue graduate study in a variety of fields, including education, urban and regional planning, law, and medicine.

With the increased use of geographic information systems (GIS), employment in geography-related careers in the private and public sector has grown considerably. Geography majors are in demand by a wide range of global firms and institutions.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The **B.A. Specialization in Geography** consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours in geography courses. A minor consists of 18 semester hours. Detailed information about the requirements can be found on our Web site.

Geography Courses

Required

- GEOG 1** World Regional Geography
- GEOG 2** Human Geography
- GEOG 60** Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
- GEOG 191** Geographic Methodology

Regional Geography

- GEOG 110** Geography of the United States and Canada
- GEOG 113C** Geography of East and Southeast Asia
- GEOG 114** Geography of South Asia
- GEOG 122** Western Europe
- GEOG 123** Eastern Europe
- GEOG 131** Japan
- GEOG 140** Geography of Latin America
- GEOG 141** Geography of the Caribbean
- GEOG 143** Geography of South America
- GEOG 145** Geography of Africa
- GEOG 148** Geography of Australia and the South Pacific

Topical Geography

- GEOG 2** Human Geography
- GEOG 3** Introduction to Geography
- GEOG 4** Cultural Geography
- GEOG 5** Population and Migration Geography
- GEOG 6** Resources and Energy Geography
- GEOG 80** Transport Geography
- GEOG 102** Population, Resources and Environment
- GEOG 103** Urban Geography
- GEOG 106** Urbanization in the Developing World
- GEOG 135** Economic Geography

Techniques

- GEOG 160** Intermediate Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- GEOG 161** Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for the Natural Sciences

Geography Faculty and Areas of Specialization

CHAIR: Grant Saff, Ph.D., Rutgers University: *Urban Geography, Urban Planning, Economic Geography, Sub-Saharan Africa*

Kari Jensen, Ph.D., Penn State: *Cultural Geography, South Asia, Children's Geographies, Child Labor*

Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Ph.D., University of Montreal: *Transport Geography, Global Economy, Geographic Information Systems, East and Southeast Asia*

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Eileen Downing, M.U.P., Hunter College, CUNY: *Urban Geography, Urban Planning*

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