

About the Department

Our Department offers a wide variety of global studies and geography courses which lead to a B.A. in Global Studies or a B.A. in Geography (including a specialization in Geographic Information Systems). Students interested in the Pre-Health program can choose a concentration in Global Studies or Geography. We actively encourage students to double major and many of our students are pursuing additional majors in subjects as varied as Political Science, Economics, Public Policy, Criminology, Sustainability, Journalism, Public Relations, and Psychology.

Our faculty work with students to tailor programs that meet their interests, needs, and ultimately shapes a rewarding post-Hofstra career. Additionally, we guide our students in finding relevant internships and study abroad programs for which they can obtain course credit toward their degree.

Graduates have found employment in a wide variety of occupations reflecting the width and depth of our programs. Recent graduates have become lawyers, doctors, teachers, urban planners, GIS practitioners, book editors, congressional aides, PR professionals and journalists - just to name a few! Many of our graduates have pursued further education at prestigious graduate schools while others have been accepted into programs such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America .

Please explore our Department website to find out more about all the exciting academic and career options that we offer.

Meet Our Professors

CHAIRPERSON: Grant Saff, Ph.D. (Rutgers University) Global Economy, Urban Geography, Urban Planning, Economic Geography

Craig M. Dalton, Ph.D. (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) Cultural Geography, Geographic Information Systems

Zilkia Janer, Ph.D. (Duke University) Cultural Globalization, Global Food Cultures

Kari Jensen, Ph.D. (Penn State) Cultural Geography, South Asia, Geographies of Children and Youth, Child Labor

Linda Longmire, Ph.D. (CUNY) Global Studies, International Politics, European Politics, Women's Studies

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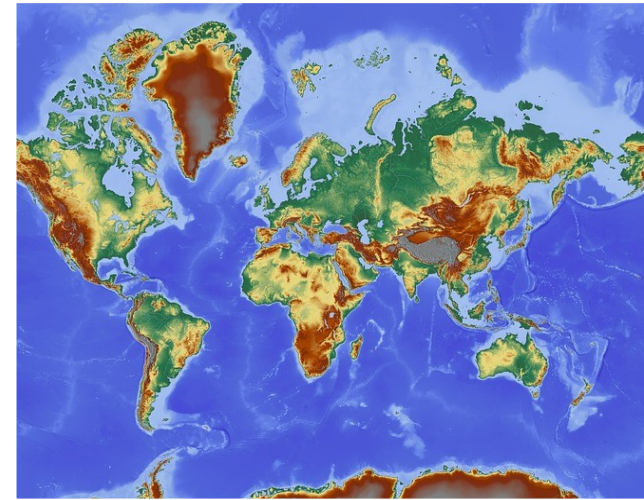
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Geography

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"Geography is a living, breathing subject, constantly adapting itself to change. It is dynamic and relevant. For me, geography is a great adventure with a purpose."

Michael Palin

Geography Program

First offered in 1936, the Geography B.A. major consists of a minimum of 30 semester hours in geography or related credits. A minor consists of 18 semester hours. Students may also choose the Geography, **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** option for a major (30 sh) or minor (18 sh). We also offer a Pre-Health Concentration and a **joint GIS/Computer Science minor**.

The **Pre-Health Concentration in Geography** introduces students to geographical understandings of disease and health and how these can be better understood by a study of place, space and culture.

Geography is unique in bridging the social sciences and the natural sciences. There are two main branches of geography: human geography and physical geography.

Human geography is concerned with the spatial aspects of human existence: Human geographers analyze economic, cultural and political issues through a focus on place and space.

Physical geographers study patterns of climates, landforms, vegetation, soils, and water. Geographers use many tools and techniques in their work, and geographic technologies are increasingly important for understanding our complex world. They include GIS, Remote Sensing, Global Positioning Systems (GPS), and online mapping such as Google Earth.

Since its founding in 2012, **Mu Kappa**, our chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, the **international geographic honor society** has twice received the Honors Chapter Award for the superior scholarship of our students and for planning activities that celebrate geography on campus and in the community.



Geography as a Career

Geography is an excellent choice for a major or minor at Hofstra. Its concepts, theories and methods provide unique skills applicable to a wide range of occupations. Many geographers pursue rewarding careers in education; business; local, state, or federal government agencies; and nonprofit organizations.

With the advent of GIS, **job opportunities for geographers have grown significantly.** The U.S. Department of Labor has projected much faster than average job growth for geographers, geoscientists, cartographers, urban and regional planners and other geographic professionals. Our major and minor in Geography with a specialization in GIS provides focused training in professionally-oriented techniques, methods and theories that are applicable to multiple career paths.

Students are encouraged to complete internships and to partake in a study abroad program, including our semester-long **European Odyssey Program.**



"This department has been so welcoming and encouraging to all students to travel, dream big, do better, and to become active....My life has forever been changed by the knowledge I gained during my time here.." **2016 Geography Graduate**

Careers for Geographers

- * GIS Specialist
- * Mobile Map App Designer
- * Cartographer
- * Spatial Intelligence Professional
- * Demographic Research
- * Public Health
- * Tourism Industry
- * Climatologist
- * Urban Development and Planning
- * Education
- * Environmental Research
- * Logistics Management
- * Public Policy
- * Disaster Response



Numerous graduates have served around the world in the Peace Corps.

Geography Majors are Employed by

- * Google
- * Apple
- * National Geographic
- * ESRI (GIS software company)
- * The United Nations
- * The New York Times
- * The CIA
- * Facebook
- * World Bank
- * State Department
- * Amazon
- * UPS
- * Homeland Security
- * Humanitarian organizations
- * Federal, State and Local Government