Personal Service

We pride ourselves on being just the right size to give students the time they need to be successful. Our average class size is 15, so you will have small, personalized class settings with a technological focus for you to receive the education that you deserve. Your professors will introduce you to new ways of thinking, explore issues creatively, and evaluate ideas as you engage in the world.

Opportunity

Whether it’s music, athletics, or politics, students at MSU have the chance to participate in a variety of activities and clubs. These organizations are a great way to make new friends with similar interests, and the involvement outside the classroom looks great on a resume.

Some clubs and activities include:
- Theater
- Band & choir
- Computer Technology Club
- Science Club
- Comet Radio
- Student government
- Intramural sports

Success

Our students get jobs. Period. We also have internship opportunities to give you real, hands-on learning experiences and make your resume stand out.

Value

The combination of MSU’s affordability and its unique offerings make it a Best in the Midwest College, as designated by the Princeton Review. This selection process is based on meeting criteria for academic excellence as well as results of surveys done by current MSU students.

The Program

Geography is the study of the character and importance of places. It examines how places are different, how they interact, and how they are integrating in today’s shrinking world. It draws from many disciplines, including anthropology, political science, history, sociology, economics, geology, meteorology, and soil science, in producing a synthesized picture of the world.

MSU’s geography education program is designed to give you a genuine understanding of the human world based on its physical environment. As a geography education student at MSU, you’ll become a part of a tradition of training educators that is more than a century old. MSU began as a teachers college in 1889 and training educators remains a critical part of our mission. A geography education degree will give you the knowledge of the world and the teaching skills you need to be successful in the classroom.

Career Paths

The geography education major has the opportunity to pursue a major in an additional subject area (history, english, math, physical education, or science) and student teach in both areas, thus qualifying for certification in two areas.

Students who complete this program have the opportunity to meet state requirements in several teaching areas in the social sciences.

The program combines a variety of themes of geography to provide students a complete background of the study. Students graduating in this field can follow a variety of career paths, including:
- Cultural and human geography
- Environmental geography
- Physical geography.
Geography Education

Core Requirements

- GEOG 103 Multicultural World, Global Issues..... 3 SH
- GEOG 115/L Introductory Geology/Lab............. 4 SH
- GEOG 262 Geography of N. America........... 3 SH
- GEOG 300 World Reg. Geog. & Anthro.......... 3 SH
- GEOG 320 Geographic Education............... 3 SH
- GEOG 322 Environmental Science............... 3 SH
- GEOG 332 Global Economy, Resources & the Developing World...... 3 SH
- GEOG 433 Geography of Europe................ 3 SH
- GEOG 445 Geography Field Trip................ 3 SH
- GEOG 474 Geographic Info Systems I.......... 3 SH
- GEOG 480S Geography Comprehensive........ 1 SH

TOTAL...........................................................................32

Geography/Geography Education Minor

Core Requirements

- GEOG 103 Multicultural World, Global Issues..... 3 SH
- GEOG 262 Geography of N. America........... 3 SH
- GEOG 300 World Reg. Geography & Anthropology........ 3 SH
- GEOG 332 Global Econ., Resources & the Developing World...... 3 SH
- GEOG 433 Geography of Europe................ 3 SH
- GEOG 474 Geographic Info Systems I.......... 3 SH
- GEOG Electives............................................3 SH

TOTAL CREDITS...........................................................21

Alternative Courses (with consent of advisor)

- GEOG 115 Introductory Geology....................3 SH
- GEOG 115L Introductory Geology Lab.............1 SH
- GEOG 320 Geography Education 9-12 (online)...3 SH
- GEOG 322 Environmental Science............... 3 SH
- GEOG 445 Geography Field Trip................ 1-3 SH

Essential Studies Courses

Education majors will complete 36 hours of essential studies courses, including COMM 110, ECON 105, ENGL 110, ENGL 120 or ENGL 125, MATH 103, PSYC 111, and SOC 110.

They should also complete all requirements for Secondary Education listed in this catalog, including EDUC 485-Secondary Methods for Social Science, EDUC 398-Secondary Education Field Experience, and ENGL 426-Reading in the Content Area. A minor or second major is required with this program.

Secondary Professional Education

Secondary Professional Education Core:

- EDUC 250 Introduction to Education.............2 SH
- EDUC 272 Educational Technology...............1 SH
- EDUC 298 Pre-Professional Field Experience.............................1 SH
- EDUC 381 Human Relations and Cultural Diversity.................................3 SH
- EDUC 390 Special Needs in an Inclusive Environment.................................3 SH
- EDUC 392 Teaching English Lang. Learners 1 SH
- EDUC 398 Secondary Education Field Experience Co-requisite with EDUC 485........1 SH
- EDUC 400 Student Teaching.........................10 SH
- EDUC 401 Electronic Portfolio, Assessment and Seminar.................................2 SH
- EDUC 422 Learning Theory and Evaluation.....3 SH
- EDUC 426 Reading in the Content Area.........3 SH
- EDUC 428 General Methods for Secondary Educators (Spring semester only)........2 SH
- EDUC 485 Social Science.............................2 SH
- PSYC 255 Child and Adolescent Psych........3 SH

Total 37 SH