When you study geography at the U of M, you’ll explore our globalizing world and the ways both human and non-human forces shape the world. This major is a great way to study combinations of social, political, economic, and ecological processes. The geography major goes a step further than studying these processes and aims to process how these phenomena are perceived and what meanings they hold.

Geographers value diversity throughout the world and offer insight into many of the most pressing challenges of the day, from climate change and social-environmental justice, to the uneven effects of globalization and urban transformation, to the skillful and responsible use of geographic information. Many geographers are interested in the intersection of science, technology, and information, such as the impact of geographic information science on decision-making.

There are a variety of opportunities for graduates who have degrees in geography. Federal, regional and local governmental agencies seek geographers for city and regional planning, park service, law enforcement, and transportation department positions. Private industry consulting, environmental and marketing firms, the non-profit sector, and local, national and transnational non-governmental organizations also seek geographic skills. Many Geography undergraduate majors obtain careers in education and many go on to graduate school.

Both the B.S. and the B.A. offer a solid foundation in the theories and practice of geography. The B.S. offers a greater emphasis on quantitative analysis while the B.A. focuses more on qualitative analysis, but students can tailor their programs to
meet their needs and goals.

**Study Abroad Options**

Firsthand geographical learning through experiences in diverse parts of the world is a valuable ingredient in the formation of an educated person in our globalizing world. Learning abroad is designed to provide you with these experiences.


**You might also explore**

- Urban and Community Forestry Minor
- Civil Engineering
- Geoengineering
- American Studies
- Forest and Natural Resource Management
- Urban Studies

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Civil Engineers, Geographers, Geographic Specialists, Postsecondary Teachers,
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