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Are you good with spaces and places? Do you see patterns and connections between people and the world around them? If so, you're already thinking like a geographer.

The study of geography begins with exploration of the physical environment and includes cultural, political, and social landscapes. People who can think spatially—about where things are in relation to other things—are highly sought after in both the public and private sectors. You can find a lifetime of intellectual adventure in research and teaching, or begin your career with a government agency or business.

Northern Arizona University's geography program will introduce you to GIS data analysis and cartography, remote sensing, area studies, and other tools to help you understand the web of connections between earth and humankind. Flagstaff's own physical and cultural geography—its location at the edge of the Colorado Plateau, coupled with its mix of ethnic roots (Native American, Latino, and western European)—make this mountain town a perfect geography classroom.

"I was unsure of my direction when I came to Northern Arizona University, but was lucky to find my way into the Geography program. The instruction was excellent! My studies qualified me for employment with the Maricopa Planning Department, where I now work in property zoning adjudication. My advice to new students? Take advantage of internships — they will definitely make your job search easier!"

Glen Bak, Class of 1993

Career Opportunities

Begin your career in ...

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| Cartography | Resource conservation |
| Climatology | Teaching and education |
| Community development | Transportation planning (management) |
| GIS data analysis | Travel and tourism |
| Historic preservation | Urban and regional planning |
| Land appraisal | |
| Land management | |
| Business location analysis | |
| Research and consulting | |

Degree Programs

- **Bachelor of Science in Geography**
- **Bachelor of Science, Education in Geography**
- **Extended Bachelor of Science in Geography**
- **Extended Bachelor of Science in Applied Geography**
Emphases in Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems Management (GIS)
- **Minor in Geography**
- **Minor in Cartography**
- **Minor in Community Design**
- **Minor in Environmental Planning**
- **Minor in Geographic Information Systems**
- **Minor in Physical Geography**
- **Minor in Remote Sensing**

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Explore Courses that Jump-start Your Career

Geography on the road

Load up your camping gear and spend three weeks traveling with fellow geologists. In **Field Analysis**, your classroom will be the Four Corners of Arizona, Utah, Colorado, and New Mexico (with maybe a swatch of southern California or Nevada thrown in). This upper-level course, held during summer intersession, explores the connections between physical and human environments. You will exercise your geology skills in team-based and interactive research projects, and be evaluated as if you were applying for employment.

Get marketable!

Geographic information systems technology—GIS—is an invaluable tool for public land managers, urban planners, military strategists, and almost anyone working in land use. The university's GIS courses will introduce you to advanced computing systems that allow geographic information like population trends, weather data, and land-use patterns to be manipulated simultaneously. This highly sought-after expertise will increase your value in many work settings.

The nature of travel-based economies

Developing nations around the world have pumped up their economies without paving their most biologically diverse places. Our course in **Ecotourism** introduces the history, principles, marketing, and management of tourism in exotic and threatened locales. You will study the transitions of traditional agricultural and resource-extraction economies, and the effects on local people.

Study Abroad

Explore the geography of other landscapes! Study abroad for a summer, semester, or academic year in universities around the globe. We provide international education opportunities to all academically qualified students. The university has cooperative agreements with institutions in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Ghana, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, and the United Kingdom. Start your travel planning with a visit to nau.edu/international.

Experience the Work World

The Department of Geography, Planning, and Recreation encourages learning outside the classroom. The geography program is rich in hands-on learning opportunities, including undergraduate research, fieldwork, internships, and cooperative education experiences.

Finish in Four

Stay on a four-year track to your degree and save money in the process. The university guarantees access to the courses you'll need to graduate on time in all geography degree programs. Visit nau.edu/finishinfour.