

# GEOGRAPHY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

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Department Website (<https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-arts-sciences/departments-programs/geography-anthropology/>)

Geographers describe, analyze, and explain the patterns and processes of natural environmental and the human cultural systems of the earth. They emphasize the importance of the location and patterns of people, places, and events; the physical and human characteristics of regions; and the relations between people, places, culture, and environment.

With training in both the natural and social sciences, and the tools and perspectives for understanding them, geographers have a wide range of career opportunities in public and private sectors. Geographers find work in such fields as municipal and regional planning, marketing, real estate, tourism, transportation, teaching, environmental analysis, and natural resource management. Geographers are increasingly in demand for jobs that require expertise in geospatial techniques, such as geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), remote sensing, and computer cartography.

The discipline of anthropology adopts an integrative, comprehensive approach to the study of humankind. Anthropologists seek to understand human conditions by examining the biological evolution of human beings, the human capacity to create culture, and the diverse ways of life developed by societies around the world.

Honor Societies, Student Organizations, and Internships

**GTU: Gamma Theta Upsilon** is an international honor society in geography.

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## Geography & Anthropology Club

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## Internship Opportunities

For information, contact your advisor

## Departmental Honors in Geography and Anthropology

The Department of Geography and Anthropology encourages and creates opportunities for all of its students to participate in research and creative learning activities with department faculty. Especially motivated and high-achieving students are invited to pursue Departmental Honors in Geography or Anthropology. The Departmental Honors Program enhances students' undergraduate experience, recognizes outstanding work and achievement, and can open up exceptional educational and professional opportunities.

### Eligibility:

Must be a declared major or minor, have completed the core introductory courses (GEOG 104, GEOG 111, GEOG 178, and GEOG 200 or ANTH 161, ANTH 165, ANTH 169, and an area course), and have resident and major/minor GPAs of at least 3.50.

### Application Procedures:

Student applicants should submit an electronic application for Departmental Honors in Geography or Anthropology to the Department Chair – through the applicant's advisor – for approval as soon as interested and eligible, but no later than prior to the start of the student's final semester before graduation. Department faculty and staff may also identify qualified students and encourage them to apply. The e-form application should elaborate on professional activities, research interests, and aspirations; an unofficial copy of transcripts should be attached. Final approval and recommendation for Departmental Honors will be made following satisfactory completion of all requirements (see below). Please see the Department Chair for more information and application details.

### Requirements:

1. Conduct research and disseminate results: Satisfactorily complete one substantial faculty-student research collaboration in Geography or Anthropology that results in
  - a. a presentation at a regional, national, or international professional conference; and
  - b. an oral presentation to be given to at least three members of the faculty in such forums as departmental capstone presentations, regional conferences, UW-Eau Claire's annual Provost's Honors Symposium or professionally comparable venues.
2. Satisfactorily complete GEOG 401 or ANTH 499, to include a thesis or substantial paper written under the supervision of a Geography or Anthropology faculty member, or publish collaborative research results (see Requirement #1) in a peer-reviewed journal.
3. Maintain a 3.5 cumulative resident GPA and a 3.5 GPA in Geography or Anthropology courses.

### Faculty

Ryan Weichelt, Chair

Ari Anand

Douglas Faulkner

Matt Haffner

Zachary Hilgendorf

Gloria Howerton

Harry Jol

Papia Rozario

Cyril Wilson

Ezra Zeitler

Martin Goettl, Geospatial Technology Facilitator

### Majors

- Comprehensive Major: Geography, Liberal Arts, Environmental Geography Emphasis - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geography-comprehensive-major-environmental-geography-ba-bs/>)
- Comprehensive Major: Geography, Liberal Arts, Transnational Geographies Emphasis - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geography-comprehensive-major-transnational-geography-ba-bs/>)
- Major: Geography, Liberal Arts - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geography-major-ba-bs/>)
- Comprehensive Major: Geospatial Analysis and Technology, Liberal Arts - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geospatial-analysis-technology-comprehensive-major-ba-bs/>)

### Minors

- Minor: Geography, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geography-minor/>)

### Certificates

- Certificate: Anthropology (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/anthropology-certificate/>)
- Certificate: Cartography and Geovisualization (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/cartography-geovisualization-certificate/>)
- Certificate: Geospatial (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geospatial-certificate/>)
- Certificate: Geospatial, Geographic Information Systems (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geospatial-certificate-geographic-information-systems/>)
- Certificate: Geospatial, Mapping (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geospatial-certificate-mapping/>)
- Certificate: Geospatial, Remote Sensing (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/geospatial-certificate-remote-sensing/>)
- Certificate: Urban and Regional Planning (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/geography-anthropology/urban-regional-planning/>)