

Assessment Plan

Western Michigan University

Geography

Mission Statement: Geography Department programs provide understanding of the physical and socio-cultural systems of planet earth. Specialized majors prepare students for careers in tourism, urban and regional planning, Environmental resources analysis and management, geographic education, and information science.

Outcome: 10a. Career Preparation

Provide preparation for careers in applied geography, including community development and planning, environmental and resource analysis, and geographic information science.

Track: Master of Arts in Geography

Start Date: 11/01/2008

End Date: 05/31/2009

Outcome Status: Active

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Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
On-line Alumni Survey	Must be a graduate of the Department of Geography.	Continuous	Yes
Thesis/Project	All students will complete a thesis/project and present their findings in a public presentation.	At the end of their graduate program	Yes
Certification Exams	At least 2/3 of students will earn a satisfactory score (as determined by the exam)		Yes

Outcome: 10b. Advanced Studies in Geography

Prepare students for more advanced studies in Geography

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Outcome: 11. National Content Standards in Geography

Enhance proficiency in geography at the graduate level in order to meet the content expectations presented in the National Content Standards in Geography and the Curriculum Framework for Social Studies in Michigan ? Geography Strand.

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Outcome: 1a. Dynamics of Human and Environmental Systems

Identify and describe characteristics and dynamics of human and environmental systems

Track: Geography Major

Geography Major--Environmental and Resource Analysis and Management

Geography Major--Geographic Information Science

Geography Major--Secondary Education

Geography Major--Tourism and Travel

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Geography Minor--Secondary Education

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Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Instructors criterion attainment rating report.	Criterion level 75% All 5000 level graduate courses have criterion rating scores set at an average of 75% or higher, indicating that all students had attained content proficiency.	Instructors rate criterion attainment each semester for each 3000, 4000, and 5000 undergraduate and graduate level class taught.	Yes
Pre-test for Undergrad. Students	Less than one-third of students will earn a satisfactory score (at least 70% correct)	GEOG 105 ? Fall; GEOG 205 - Spring	Yes
Exit Examination	2/3 of students will earn a satisfactory score (at least 70% correct.)	GEOG 444	Yes
Instructors criterion attainment rating report	Criterion level 75% All 5000 level graduate courses have criterion rating scores set at an average of 75% or higher, indicating that all students had attained content proficiency.	Instructors rate criterion attainment each semester for each 5000 graduate level class taught	Yes
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Means of Assessment			
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Outcome: 1b. Environmental Impact

Describe and assess the impact of humans on environmental systems

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Outcome: 1c. Impact of Environment on Diversity of Human Systems

Describe and assess the impact of the environment on the diversity of human systems

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Outcome: 2a. Human and Environmental Phenomena

Identify and describe the distribution of human and environmental phenomena.

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Outcome: 2b. Geographic Processes

Identify and explain the geographic processes which influence human an environmental systems.

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Outcome: 2c. Geographic Scale

Identify and explain the implications of geographic scale and its influence on human and environmental processes.

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Outcome: 3a. Critical Thinking, Writing, and Oral Communication

Demonstrate effective skills in critical thinking, writing, and oral communication

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Outcome: 3b. Literacy, Graphacy, and Numeracy

Demonstrate competencies in literacy, graphicacy, and numeracy

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Outcome: 3c. Design Research and Collect Data

Design research and collect data

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Outcome: 3d. Spatial Information

Analyze, synthesize and interpret spatial information

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Outcome: 4a. Apply Geographic Thinking

Apply geographic thinking in real-world context, including appraisal of societal issues.

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Outcome: 4b. Real-World Issues

Evaluate and interpret real-world issues pertaining to maintaining human and environmental diversity.

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Thesis/Project*	All students will complete a thesis/project and present their findings in a public presentation	At the end of their graduate program	Yes

Outcome: 5a. Tourism Education

Identify the significant physical and cultural phenomena used in tourism education.

Track: Geography Major--Tourism and Travel

Start Date: 11/30/2008

End Date: 05/31/2009

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Means of Assessment			
Assessment Method	Criterion	Schedule	Active
Portfolio Development	At least 75% of students develop an adequate or exemplary portfolio.	GEOG 444	Yes
Internship	At least 75% of students develop an adequate or exemplary portfolio	GEOG 4200	Yes
Instructors criterion attainment rating report	Criterion level 75% All major and minor geography undergraduate courses have criterion rating scores set at an average of 75% or to demonstrate content, skills, and methodology techniques	Instructors rate criterion attainment each semester for each 3000, 4000, and 5000 level undergraduate class taught	Yes

Outcome: 5b. Tourism Study Skills

Develop and display necessary skills to achieve a diverse and creative background for application in tourism studies.

Track: Geography Major--Tourism and Travel

Start Date: 11/01/2008

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Internship	At least 75% of students develop an adequate or exemplary portfolio	GEOG 4200	Yes
Instructors criterion attainment rating report	Criterion level 75% All major and minor geography undergraduate courses have criterion rating scores set at an average of 75% or to demonstrate content, skills, and methodology techniques	Instructors rate criterion attainment each semester for each 3000 and 4000, level undergraduate class taught	Yes

Outcome: 6a. Interactions of Physical, Biological and Human Processes

Identify the interactions of physical, biological and human processes

Track: Geography Major--Environmental and Resource Analysis and Management

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Portfolio Development	At least 75% of students develop an adequate or exemplary portfolio.	GEOG 444	Yes
Internship	At least 75% of students develop an adequate or exemplary portfolio	GEOG 4200	Yes

Outcome: 6b. Environmental Issues and Problems

Synthesize geographic factors related to regional development and resource management and apply cross-disciplinary knowledge to solve environmental issues and problems.

Track: Geography Major--Environmental and Resource Analysis and Management

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On-line Alumni Survey	Must be a graduate of the Department of Geography.	Continuous	Yes
On-line Alumni Survey*	Must be a graduate of the Department of Geography	Continuous	Yes

Outcome: 7a. Michigan Standards, Social Studies Curriculum

Display proficiency in scholarly content essential to meet Michigan standards in the geography strand of the social studies curriculum framework.

Track: Geography Major--Secondary Education

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Outcome: 7b. Instructing Competency

Achieve competency in instructing students in geography at the middle and high school levels.

Track: Geography Major--Secondary Education

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Outcome: 8. Applied Research Issues and Problems

Apply geographic information systems and spatial analysis to solve applied research issues and problems.

Track: Geography Major--Geographic Information Science

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On-line Alumni Survey	Must be a graduate of the Department of Geography.	Continuous	Yes

Outcome: 9. Geographic Planning Skills

Apply geographic and planning skills to improve economic, environmental and social conditions in cities, towns and regions at the local, national and global scales.

Track: Geography Major--Urban Planning

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