

Mission Statement

Geology and Geography are recognized for their contributions to the better understanding of the earth, nature-society relations, and global and regional situations as well as local issues. Our department's educational mission is to advance the perspectives and insights of geology, geography, and environmental science and studies via high quality curricular programs for our majors and high quality liberal studies courses for non-majors. Complementary missions are to extend knowledge in our disciplines through research and to provide service to the university and our region.

Program Outcomes

1. Each graduate will develop strong oral and written communication skills, demonstrate the ability to work in a collaborative environment, and exhibit professional attitudes and behavior.
2. Each graduate shall possess and apply critical thinking and problem solving skills.
3. Each graduate shall develop skills in quantitative, qualitative, technological, laboratory, and field procedures.
4. *(Specific to Geology and Environmental Science)*: Each graduate shall develop general knowledge and understanding of the composition, history, and structure of the planet, and of the physical, chemical, and biological processes involved in the interactions between the geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere.
5. *(Specific to Geography and Environmental Studies)*: Each graduate shall develop general knowledge and understanding of the concepts of location, place, human environment interactions, movement, and region.