

Geography

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Are you intrigued by the study of the earth, its people, and its many environments? CWI offers you an opportunity to explore geography with this associate degree program. Our curriculum will present you with a broad, place-centered perspective on the transformation of environments by society and nature on a variety of scales, from the local to the global.

MISSION

The Geography program promotes the discovery and broad communication of knowledge about Earth's physical and cultural environment and the interrelationships between them. Our multidisciplinary approach to this study emphasizes contemporary concepts, use of geospatial technologies, and critical thinking.

WHY THIS PROGRAM

Careers available to students include teachers, urban planners, business, nonprofit organizations, forestry, social service, cartographers, global-positioning specialists, and government jobs. The U.S. Department of Labor lists geospatial technology (GIS) as one of today's top three high-growth technology fields. Completion of the program is designed to result in an Associate of Arts degree and meets the general-education requirements at all Idaho public universities. Course selection should be coordinated to meet requirements for your intended transfer institution (if known).

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN TO DO

- Identify and classify human characteristics, human activities and processes, and interpret their spatial distribution on the Earth's surface (continued)
- including composition of environment, population, cultural complexes, economic interdependence, settlement and political patterns.
- Classify, explain and analyze the spatial distribution of the physical processes, such as solar energy, oceanic circulation, plate tectonics, earthquakes and volcanoes, weather and climate.
- Apply and demonstrate skills using geospatial technology.
- Demonstrate analytical processes using geographic inquiry and spatial thinking skills.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CWI's annual GIS Day is a networking opportunity bringing professionals from the community to share their expertise and experience with

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students. Geography Club students visit different sites around the region and participate in community service projects in Ada and Canyon County.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Geography - Associate of Arts Degree, 24 Months

Delivery Formats: In-Person, Hybrid, Online, Degree Fully Online

CAREER INFORMATION

Geography is a growing career field. The University of Idaho reports a 99% employment placement rate for geographers. The Association of American Geographers has an extensive jobs and careers resource section at <http://www.aag.org/cs/careers>

Also, professional resources can be found at the following sites:

- Association of American Geographers
- The American Geographical Society
- North American Cartographic Information Society
- United States Geological Survey

PROFESSIONS

- Environmental management
- Conservation of biodiversity
- Natural resource management
- Climatology
- Natural hazard perception
- Hydrology
- Foreign policy
- National security
- Immigration policy
- Non-governmental organizations
- City/regional planning
- Transportation
- Emergency and disaster planning
- Real estate development
- Resource exploration

CWI ONLINE COURSES



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