The personal commitment of the faculty to each individual student promotes academic self-growth, and the program’s holistic approach to geography allows students to prepare for professional paths suited to their interests and aspirations.

— Laura Engells, current M.A.Geo. student at Texas State University

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