

Department Mission

The mission of the Department of Geography is to offer students educational experiences of the highest quality and to conduct meaningful and vital research. The department is committed to outstanding teaching and scholarly activities within the framework of academic freedom and the diversity of ideas, and is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and to public service. The department stresses the theoretical and applied realms of geography in all of its curriculum, leads the discipline with innovative applied work, and actively seeks to recruit top students nationally and internationally.

Related Degrees

- » Ph.D. in Geographic Education
- » Ph.D. in Geographic Information Science



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The Ph.D. program in geography allows students to conduct research on a broad range of topics, prepares them for university teaching, and is enriched by a highly experienced faculty.

– Upendra Bom, current Ph.D. student at Texas State University

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The curriculum provides depth and breadth of knowledge in the theories and research methods of geography.

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Why choose Texas State?

Working closely with a dedicated faculty that is recognized nationally and internationally for its research, mentoring and teaching accomplishments, students embark on a journey of professional development that includes research and teaching opportunities. The department also hosts or plays key roles in several international, national and university-wide research centers.

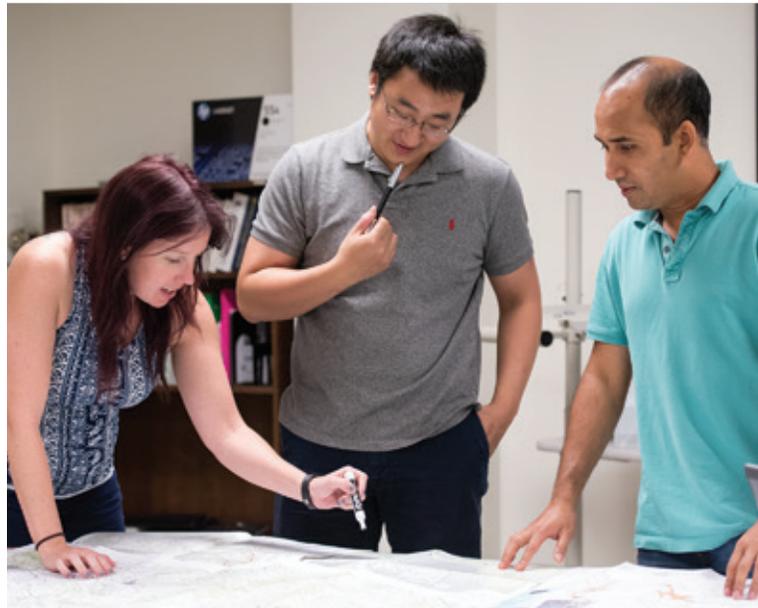
Geography Ph.D. alumni successfully pursue careers in academia, in public and private research centers, and in the professional sector with private companies, nonprofit organizations and government agencies.

Course Work

The Ph.D. program in geography is designed to provide depth and breadth of knowledge in the field's theoretical foundations and research methods. Students complete 31 credit hours of graduate course work, including core, skills and elective courses, and 15 credit hours of dissertation research and writing. Graduate courses are available at the intermediate and advanced levels in a broad range of human and physical geography topics and in environmental geography. Faculty advisors work individually with each student to develop a tailored course plan that meets the student's educational and career goals.

Faculty

Thirty-four full-time faculty members conduct research in physical, human, and environmental geography, geographic education and geographic information sciences, and publish in top-tier journals, including the *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, *The Professional Geographer*, *Urban Geography* and *Physical Geography*. Faculty research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Justice, the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, among other funding agencies.



Career Options

Geography doctoral students are successful scholars who actively participate in professional conferences, meetings and workshops, and publish in top-tier journals in the field. Alumni of Texas State geography Ph.D. programs are in tenured and tenure-track academic positions, pursue careers in the private or public sectors, or work in research centers in the United States and internationally.

Important Deadlines*

Admissions

Priority Fall: January 15

Fall: May 1

Spring: No admission

Summer: No admission

Funding: Scholarships, Fellowships and Assistantships

Applications must be complete by the priority deadline to be considered for funding.

How to Apply

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