

Student Learning Outcomes
Bachelor's Degree
Department of Geography
Kansas State University

Graduates of the Geography Department will:

1. be able to interpret maps and use them to solve geographic problems
2. have the skills to design and produce various types of maps
3. understand the significance of scale in defining and solving spatial problems and understanding spatial processes
4. be able to comprehend and associate geographic patterns at various spatial scales
5. develop a perspective that allows them to understand spatial variation and diversity at global, regional, and local scales
6. be able to distinguish between location and the meaning of place
7. appreciate that the diversity of cultural backgrounds and personal experiences influence the way people perceive places
8. understand how and why spatial complexity evolves
9. be able to address, solve, and communicate spatial problems using geographic techniques, including geographic information systems (GIS)
10. be able to assess critically the relationships between humans and their environments
11. be able to use geographic concepts in contributing to the solution of societal problems
12. have the ability to synthesize and communicate a broad range of knowledge, geographic and otherwise
13. understand the processes and patterns of the physical world and how human actions impact and interact with natural systems
14. recognize that natural science, social science, and humanities perspectives all contribute to the discipline of geography