Undergraduate Advising Track in Nature, Society, and Sustainability

About Nature, Society, and Sustainability

When geographers address questions related to nature, society, and sustainability, they are in the realm of geographic thought called ‘human-environmental’ or ‘nature-society’ geography. Human-environmental geographers study how humans and societies interact with our surrounding environment. Included within human-environmental studies are the pressing nature of many environmental problems and the pace of global change, use and management of natural resources, sustainability science, the environment as a hazard, land change science, environmental perception, issues related to vulnerability and environmental justice, political ecology, and a host of other issues.

Nature-society geographers build a better understanding of the world around us by synthesizing natural science, social science, and humanistic approaches to scholarship. Important concerns within human-environmental geography are systems thinking, the pace of change, and the spatial scale of observation, from global to local.

Elective Hours for the Advising Track

Students interested in Nature, Society, and Sustainability should complete 12 hours of electives from the following list of courses:

- GEOG 340 Geography of Natural Resources – 3 cr.
- GEOG 360 Sustainability Science – 3 cr.
- GEOG 460 Human Dimensions of Global Change – 3 cr.
- GEOG 600 Mountain Geography – 3 cr.
- GEOG 718 Geography of Public Lands – 3 cr.
- GEOG 720 Geography of Land Use – 3 cr.
- GEOG 725 Geography of Water Resources – 3 cr.
- GEOG 760 Human Impact on the Environment – 3 cr.
- GEOG 765 Geography of Natural Hazards – 3 cr.
- GEOG 770 Perception of the Environment – 3 cr.