Find Your Place in the World.

The Geography B.A. in Environmental Studies at UAS seeks to understand complex relationships between people and environments, and to help students to develop the skills, concepts, and values needed to uncover and improve these relationships. We live, study, and act in places spatially. We need to understand what opportunities and constraints this presents and develop this understanding in order to act as judiciously as possible in our personal lives, as voting citizens, and as members of the global community. In this capacity, geography is a vital discipline for the 21st century, as many of the challenges faced by the world’s societies meet at the interface of social, political, economic, and natural environments. Students are exposed to the key methods and tools they will need to engage as professionals and citizens to promote the long-term health and vitality of ecological, social, economic, and cultural systems and to make informed decisions about environmental issues. Geographic research methods are qualitative and quantitative, including critical thinking, historical examination, landscape analysis, observation, and measurement. Students can take courses in the natural sciences, and tools they will need to engage as professionals and citizens to promote the long-term health and vitality of ecological, social, economic, and cultural systems and to make informed decisions about environmental issues. Geographic research methods are qualitative and quantitative, including critical thinking, historical examination, landscape analysis, observation, and measurement. Students can take courses in the natural sciences,

Pathways to a successful career with the UAS Geography and Environmental Studies program

Recommended High School Preparation

- English, 4 years
- Math, 4 years
- Science, 4 years
- History, 2-3 years
- Foreign Language, 2-4 years
- As well as courses in:
  - World History, Sociology, Anthropology, Literature
  - Philosophy, Economics

UAS Degrees

- Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Environmental Studies

Potential Careers

- Academia (many disciplines, incl. anthropology, sociology, biology, law, geography, political science, history, English, philosophy)
- Agriculture
- Biology
- Conservation
- Environmental Law, Education, Economics, Engineering, Science
- Forest Service
- Land Management
- Landscape Design and Architecture

Potential Salaries

- $25,000 to $55,000 per year with a bachelor’s degree

- National Parks Service
- Natural Science Management
- Public Policy and Planning
- Outdoor Services and Education
- Research
- Social Work
- Wildlife Biology
- Writer
but UAS programs offer a unique opportunity for students to approach environmental and geographical concerns through interdisciplinary and humanistic forms of inquiry. Geographers can integrate emerging technologies, such as geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing, to understand issues that span the disciplines. Or they can learn how to critically frame, research, analyze, and address the pressing challenges of our time.

The B.A. allows students to integrate a variety of research methods to examine the unique biogeography, landscape, history, ecology, and cultures of Southeast Alaska, as well as understand these dimensions of the region within a global context.

The geographic perspective that the B.A. provides prepares students for careers in the non-profit sector, government agencies, environmental planning, sustainability advising, green business, environmental education, environmental journalism, environmental law, management, policy, and teaching. The B.A. develops a strong foundation for advanced studies in a wide range of academic disciplines.

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