Concentrations of study offered by the geography program:

- Human Geography (BA or BS)
- Environmental Geography (BA or BS)
- Geospatial Information Systems (BS)
A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN GEOGRAPHY

Geography is an all-encompassing discipline that involves the interdisciplinary study of places and the relationships between people and their environment from a spatial perspective. As an academic subject, it includes an understanding of both the physical environment and the cultural world of international affairs, economics, population, religion, language, and other human phenomena. Geography also entails the use and application of a host of geospatial technologies as a means to study this subject matter. For an individual curious about the world, and their place in it, few disciplines satisfy that curiosity as much as geography.

At Sam Houston State, geography majors can choose to focus their studies around one of three concentrations:

1. **Human Geography**
   For students interested in studying population, race & ethnicity, religion, tourism, economics, and urban geography.

2. **Environmental Geography**
   For students interested in studying physical geography, conservation of natural resources, geomorphology, hydrology, environmental sustainability, and sustainable development.

3. **Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**
   For students interested in developing skills with technologies such as remote sensing, GIS, computer cartography, digital image processing, and global positioning systems (GPS).

REQUIREMENTS

**Minors:** Students should select a minor that suits their interests and career goals. Suggested minors include, but are not limited to, GSS (geospatial science), geology, economics, sociology, history, international business, military science, political science, and foreign language.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students may apply for geography scholarships and non-degree specific scholarships by completing the Scholarships4Kats online application. Transfer scholarships are available for students who would like to continue their academic career at Sam Houston. SHSU provides a quality education at an affordable cost.

FIELD STUDIES

Geography students have the opportunity to participate in field study courses in a variety of locations in order to experience the processes and concepts learned in the classroom. Past locations have included the Mississippi Delta, Hawaii, Thailand, Spain, Brazil, Cuba, and Ecuador.