The unifying idea of modern geography

Providing a broad prospective on people and their communities, cultures, economies, and interactions with the environment by studying their relations with and across space and place is what the Master of Arts in Geography teaches its students.

At the University at Albany, our Master of Arts in Geography students will gain a deep understanding of the interconnectedness of regions, an appreciation of multiple and varied human dimensions of global change, and become adept and comfortable responding to global challenges. Through practical and conceptual training with cutting-edge geographical researchers, students will become prepared for careers in a range of fields, from environmental sustainability to humanitarian aid. As a result, our graduates will make a difference in the world.

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**HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**
Developing a strong career foundation in concepts related to international development, humanitarian aid, and migration with technical skills in remote sensing and GIS.

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Preparing for careers in environmental hazard mitigation or risk assessment, and may choose to focus on cartography, ecological modeling, and urban ecology.

“In other fields I felt like I was only seeing one piece of a larger picture; in the geography department I gained the knowledge and skills to place those pieces in their broader context. Here I found a passion to understand and improve the world around me, nurtured by professors who shared those goals.”

JJ MARTIN, GEOGRAPHY GRADUATE
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"Geography is not only about maps. Geography is the oldest science which teaches you how to see things through the prism of space, how to find out what is really important for people living in different countries and places. At the same time, Geography is a quest for humanity, it’s never ending and continuously searches for human-space interactions and linkages. Once found, these connections can help us make the world a better place. Come to our Department and we will teach you the science and art of Geography."

ANDREI LAPENAS, DIRECTOR, GRADUATE PROGRAM IN GEOGRAPHY

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