Anthropology and Geography

Description of the major:
The anthropology and geography degree offers an interdisciplinary perspective bridging cultural and physical landscapes to current topics such as resource management, sustainability, globalization and community resilience. This degree program unifies two complementary disciplines and prepares graduates for a global market where an understanding of the interactions between cultures and the physical environment can provide a significant competitive functional advantage.

The student experience:
• Combining skills from both disciplines, students bring a cultural perspective to geographic problems and physical geography skills to anthropology.
• Coursework includes lower-level foundation courses and upper-level seminars in archaeology, cultural anthropology, human geography, geographic information systems (GIS), physical geography and more.
• We also have partnerships with regional sites and field school study abroad programs to give students opportunities for experiential learning outside the classroom.
• To learn more about current partnerships, field schools and affiliated programs, visit www.coastal.edu/anthropology-geography/beyondthe classroom.
• Students also have the opportunity to pursue minors in anthropology or GIS and a certificate in geospatial technologies.

Beyond the classroom:
Students who earn the anthropology and geography degree are prepared for careers in physical geography, GIS, environmental science, cultural anthropology and archaeology. Recent graduates are continuing their studies at the graduate level and working in cultural resource management, planning, GIS, heritage tourism, museums and education.

Areas of study:
The major requires 38 credit hours in foundations, methods, theory and topical classes. Methods classes take students into the field for archaeological excavation, ethnographic research, mapping, 3D landscape reconstruction and more. Topical seminars cover a wide range of geographic regions and temporal periods. During the senior year, students complete a capstone experience class, which culminates in a final project or report in their area of interest.

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