



Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs

Geography BA with Social Studies Education Major at a Glance



Program Overview:

The (B.A.) degree in Geography with Social Studies Education Major prepares teachers for the complex and evolving challenges of today's classroom while equipping them with the essential tools to be successful as a teacher, graduate student (in education or in their subject area) or both. Students in the Geography program explore the quantitative, qualitative and applications of GIS. The program's inclusion within the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) affords students a wealth of research and associated opportunities through FIU's Latin American and Caribbean Center; Program in African and African Diaspora Studies; Institute for Asian Studies; European Union Center; and Center for Labor Research and Studies, to name just a few.

Prerequisites:

Two GEO 2000-level courses

GEO 2000 Introduction to Geography (Social Science Grp II) strongly encouraged

GEA 2000 World Regional Geography (Social Science Grp II)

POS 2041 American Government (Social Science Grp I)

Highly Recommended:

WOH 2001 World Civilization (Humanities – Grp II / Gordon Rule with Writing)

AMH 2042 Modern American Civilization (Humanities – Grp II / Gordon Rule with Writing)

Careers/Job Opportunities:

- Social Studies Teacher
- Local, State, and Federal Government
- Depts. of State
- Consultant
- Map/making / Cartographer

- Defense & Commerce
- Scientific and research groups
- Forestry
- Mining
- Central Intelligence Agency
- U.S. Geological Survey
- Defense Mapping
- Surveying firms
- Planning
- Conservation
- Natural Resource Management

Recommended Minors, Certificates, or Second Majors:

- Minor in Anthropology/Sociology
- Study Abroad to Africa and/or Italy to gain class credit
- National Student Exchange
- International Student Exchange

Advising Contact Information:

Secondary Education Advisors
 MMC: ZEB 210 | 305-348-2978

Helpful Links:

Department Website: <http://secondaryeducation.fiu.edu>

MyMajor Website: <http://mymajor.fiu.edu>

Association of American Geographers (AAG): www.aag.org

Florida Teacher Certification Examinations Website: <http://fl.nesinc.com>

Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs Requirements:

- *All Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs majors must satisfy the Foreign Language competency requirement. Students must show mastery at, or complete a second semester sequence (at the college level) foreign language course or one more advanced with a minimum grade of "C". Credits earned through AP, IB, CLEP and other testing methods for earning accelerated credit satisfy this requirement. Discuss options for satisfying this requirement with your Academic Advisor.*
- *All Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs majors must complete 48 credits of upper division prior to graduation. Upper division courses are 3000/4000 level courses, major courses and outside electives can count towards this requirement.*
- *Students are required to earn 9 credits outside the major area during the last 60 hours of their undergraduate career.*
- *No 1 and 2-credit physical activity courses can be counted towards the 120 credits needed for graduation.*