Geography Education

Why Choose Geography Education?

The employment outlook for geography education students is excellent. Graduates are prepared to teach in high schools and also have the necessary basic preparation to enter a career in industry or pursue an advanced degree in geography. One semester of directed teaching at the secondary level is required. A teaching minor is also required.

Career Opportunities

Geography Education is a four-year curriculum that may be selected as a major. A teaching minor is also required. Successful completion of the program leads to recommendation for a Michigan secondary provisional certificate. The program is designed to take full advantage of the unusual, hands-on Ferris instructional capabilities in developing both teaching and subject matter competency. Students receive the broad background in classroom, laboratory and field training essential to be effective teachers.

Admission Requirements

High school students and transfer students with 29 credit hours or less must possess a high school grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or an ACT composite score of 17 or 900 SAT. Transfer students with 30 credit hours or more must possess a 2.0 cumulative GPA. Students transferring into the program with completed majors or minors must have the appropriate GPA as established by each department. Consult individual program description for other admission requirements.

General Education Requirements

All general University General Education requirements can be found here: http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/academics/gened/courses/GenEd-bachelor.pdf

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: https://wwws.ferris.edu/academics/gened/courses/

Teacher Certification Requirements

As required by the State of Michigan to receive teacher certification all teacher candidates must: (1) pass the Professional Readiness Exam, (2) pass the pedagogy tests in their subject area majors and minors, and (3) have a 2.50 minimum GPA to receive teacher certification in Michigan. These state requirements are in addition to the Ferris graduation requirements of your individual program.

Graduation Requirements
The geography education program leads to a Bachelor of Science degree through the School of Education, College of Education & Human Services. Graduates must complete all of Ferris' general education, geography, and education requirements. Professional education requirements include a semester of directed student teaching. Consult individual program description for other graduation requirements.

A 2.75 GPA is required for successful completion of the Geography major.

**More Information**

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