

## EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

# Geography

Geography is the study of the human use of the earth and of the physical and cultural processes which form landscapes. Geography at EOU leads the student to an understanding of human/environmental relations at global, national, regional and local levels, while providing important academic understanding and practical skills that can lead to careers in such fields as urban and regional planning, environmental management, primary and secondary education, cartography and map reproduction, geographic data systems, tourism and economic development, and international business.

### **GEOGRAPHY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **GEOG 105 - Cultural Geography\*SSC (Credits: 5) Gen Ed Core-Social Sciences**

This course is a survey of themes, questions, and issues studied by cultural geographers. It introduces the student to the concept of culture in spatial terms and defines theories of culture emergence, how culture diffuses and the relationship of humans and their impact on the environment. Topics considered within the course include environmentalism, the evolution of culture, population, migration, communications, economic and urban landscapes, gender, religion, agriculture, and contemporary social culture.

#### **GEOG 106 - Physical Geography\*SMI (Credits: 5) Gen Ed Core-Natural, Math & Info Sciences**

An introduction to physical geography and its approach to the analysis and understanding of the physical environment. The course covers the atmosphere: weather and climate; the lithosphere: geomorphology, landforms and soils; and the hydrosphere: oceans and oceanic coastal forms. Tectonics and the basic geodesy of the earth is covered. Examples of environmental issues and how geography treats these questions and problems are emphasized in the course.

#### **GEOG 210 - Selected Topics (Credits: 1 to 6)**

Various topics.