

Student Activities

The Geography Club supports student activities such as colloquium speakers, professional conferences, and social events. Our students are active in initiatives such as Clean the Bay Day and community-sponsored events such as Earth Day.

ODU Geography also has a chapter of Gamma Theta Upsilon, geography's international honor society. Membership in GTU is a prestigious recognition of scholarship. Initiates must have a 3.3 GPA in geography, a minimum of 3 geography courses, and three completed semesters of college coursework.



Faculty Profiles

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Climate change, bioclimatology, hazards

Thomas Allen (tallen@odu.edu)

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GIS, spatial analysis, coastal, environmental

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Physical, biogeography, heritage conservation

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Ph.D., Florida State University

Cultural, urban, political, social justice, GIS

Nicole Hutton (nhuttons@odu.edu)

Ph.D., University of South Florida

Hazards, organizational resilience, environmental justice

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Political, cultural, ethnic minorities, Europe

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Ph.D., Syracuse University

Political, American South, 'race' & ethnicity, cultural

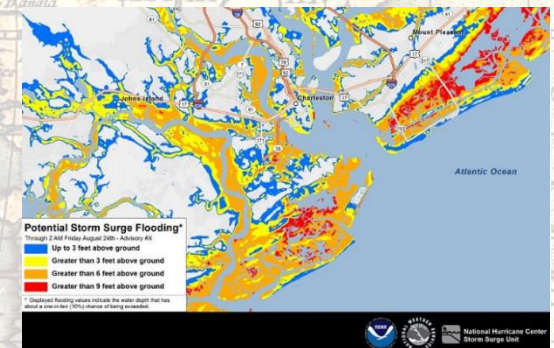
Hua Liu (hxliu@odu.edu)

Ph.D., Indiana State University

GIS, remote sensing, urban environmental changes

Job Prospects

With specialties in GIS, human, and environmental geographies, recent graduates work at the International Atomic Energy Agency, NASA, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Google Maps, local planning agencies, and as K-12 educators. Our graduates work in a variety of public and private sector jobs in Hampton Roads, throughout Virginia, and around the world. In addition, many of our students have gone on to pursue graduate degrees at universities across the country.



According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual wage for geographers was \$74,760 in May 2012. From 2012 to 2022, employment of geographers is projected to increase 29%, much faster than the average for all other occupations.

Degree Options

We offer specializations in geospatial technologies, environmental geography, human geography, and geographic education. ODU offers both the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in Geography. The B.A. and B.S. degrees require 36 hours (12 classes) of coursework in the major. In addition to our B.A./B.S. options, we offer two certificate programs: a Certificate in Geographic Information Science and a Certificate in Spatial Analysis of Coastal Environments.



The University is a national leader in the study of the impacts of climate change-sea level rise and is a partner in the Commonwealth Center for Recurrent Flooding Resiliency. ODU is also the center of geospatial technologies in the Hampton Roads region, and houses the Center for Geospatial & Visualization Computing.



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Geography at ODU

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Why Geography?

The study of Geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together – President Obama (2012)



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