

# What can I do with a major in... Geography?

A major in geography will prepare you for a variety of careers, whether you choose to become a land-use analyst or apply your background in other work environments. The following list contains sample job titles of CMU graduates who majored in geography. This list represents some, but certainly not all, of the careers you may consider.

## **Career Titles for a Geography Major:**

- Aerial Photo Interpreter
- Agricultural Extension Agent
- Air/Water Quality Control Manager
- Cartographer
- Environmental Field Technician
- Global Positioning Systems Specialist
- Hazardous Waste Planner
- Land-Use Analyst
- Map Analyst
- Meteorologist
- Oceanographer
- Park Ranger
- Population Analyst
- Public Utilities Specialist
- Remote Sensing Analyst
- Transportation Planner
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Zoning Official

Students obtaining employment immediately upon graduation usually are those with the best college records and a willingness to relocate for a job. Some of these jobs also require education beyond a bachelor's degree.

## **Professional Skills Acquired Through a Major in Geography**

Many occupations in today's working world require college-educated individuals who can write and speak well, solve problems, learn new information quickly, and work well with a team. In addition to opening the door to numerous career possibilities in this field, a major in geography will help you develop the fundamental skills that many employers in many other professions are seeking in their employees.

Skills and qualities acquired through a major in geography may include:

- Analytical and quantitative thinking
- Computer literacy
- Cultural issue sensitivity
- Data gathering and organization
- Global issue awareness
- Observation
- Oral and written communication
- Problem solving
- Project planning
- Research
- Statistical analysis
- Teamwork
- Technical application

For more information about geography and other majors, please contact Career Services.

**Central Michigan University**  
**Career Services**  
**Bovee University Center 215**  
**Mount Pleasant, MI 48859**  
**(989) 774-3068**  
**careers@cmich.edu**  
**www.careers.cmich.edu**



CMU, an AA/EO institution, strongly and actively strives to increase diversity within its community (see [www.cmich.edu/aaeo](http://www.cmich.edu/aaeo)).

Produced by CMU Public Relations and Marketing and printed by CMU Printing Services.  
PRM 6405-200 (10/03)