

Department of Geography
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Geog 399:
Workshop: Graduate School/Jobs in Geography

Mondays 10:00am-10:50am in Condon 206

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Course Description

The course titled Geog 399 Practical Geographies is designed to work with you on developing some practical tools for Geography majors.

This course will be especially relevant (but not restricted to) those who will be completing their degrees and entering the job market.

What this means in essence is the course will cover a variety of topics chosen as most relevant and suitable by the students. Each week we will have guest presenters, people from on and off campus, and/or grad students.

Examples of potential topics:

How do I apply for Graduate School?

How do I survive and succeed in Graduate School once accepted?

What are some ways to increase my chances of finding a job which utilizes my Geography skills?

What do I do if I am graduating and still am unsure of my career path?

How useful is studying abroad and how can I make this happen?

What skills can I develop now to make myself more competitive in the job market once I graduate?

Requirements/Grading

There will be no assignments or readings for this course. Students will complete a survey the first day of class to design the course structure based on their interests. Students will additionally prepare on question for each guest speaker and write a summary paragraph at the end of each class.

Discussion Topics & Guest Speakers:

Week 1-Jan. 9th - **Introduction to the course**

Week 2-Jan. 16th -**Martin Luther King Day Observed-No Classes**

Week 3-Jan. 23rd –**City Planning Opportunities**

Guest Speaker: Don Holtgrieve Ph.D.-Environmental Planner & Geography Professor interested in resource management and watershed issues.

Week 4-Jan. 30th - tba

Week 5-Feb. 6th - tba

Week 6-Feb. 13th - tba

Week 7-Feb. 20th - tba

Week 8-Feb. 27th- tba

Week 9-Mar. 5th - tba

Week 10-Mar. 12th - tba

Finals Week-Mar. 19th – **No Classes**

*Reminder: This course is designed with the student in mind and to help them succeed during and after their education.