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Abstract

The Department of Geography cultivates an understanding of the Earth and its human and natural systems through quality educational experiences, research, and service to inspire citizens to better understand, adapt, and contribute to a changing world. The collection is composed of programs, pamphlets, correspondence, clippings, booklets, and program reviews.

Historical Note

Geography was one of the first courses taught when South Dakota State University was founded in 1881. While geography classes were offered from time to time in various departments, no major development of a program occurred until 1966-67, when a bachelor's degree in geography was approved. In the fall of 1968, the Department of History and Geography was formed. By 1971, the geography program had grown substantially. Enrollment growths necessitated the addition of more faculty members. By 1973, a separate Department of Geography was established and in 1974, the offering of the Master of Science degree in Geography was approved.

The geography curriculum today teaches students to describe, relate and explain natural and cultural phenomena, which distinguish places around the world. Courses are offered in technical geography-science and environmental planning and management.

Contents Note

Composed of materials related to the Geography Department. Folders consist of programs, pamphlets, correspondence, clippings, booklets and program reviews. Also included is a booklet on graduate study in geography, and a list of house types in Brookings, SD.

Key Words

Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence

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Container List

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting (schedule and program)	2004
1	2	Changing Political Landscape of the Middle East lecture by Jeffrey A. Gritzner (poster)	2001
1	3	Five Year Internal Review	1994
1	4	Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence - Dedication and Ribbon Cutting (correspondence, clippings, program and booklets)	2005

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	5	Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence - Events (poster)	2006
1	6	Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence - Recognition dinner (printouts of digital photographs)	2006
1	7	Graduate Program Self-Study	1984
1	8	Graduate Study in Geography (pamphlet)	undated
1	9	House Types in Brookings, SD: A Visible History (city map)	1976
1	10	Program Review External/Internal Evaluator's Report	2002