

Geography degree programs are offered at two state institutions (Mississippi State University and The University of Southern Mississippi). Delta State University, The University of Mississippi, Mississippi University for Women, and Mississippi College all have geography faculty and offer a few geography courses. MSU and USM have seen recent increases in undergraduate enrollments with MSU recording just over 2000 students and USM with nearly 1500. In fact for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year the demand for the World Geography courses can't be met at MSU. MSU also has nearly 500 off-campus students who are enrolled in the Broadcast Meteorology, Operational Meteorology, or Teachers in Geosciences programs. Increases in the on and off-campus enrollments has been offset by the hiring of three new faculty over the past year. With over 120 majors, the department currently has ten tenure positions and eight instructors.

The Department of Geography at the University of Southern Mississippi moved to the College of Continuing and International Education (CICE) this move has positioned the department for new and higher levels of financial support. The move also prompted the hiring of Dr. Clifton "Skeeter" Dixon from the University of Memphis as Department Head. With nearly 60 majors, the department currently has six tenure positions and three adjunct tenure positions.

Overall, Geography is strong and growing in the state of Mississippi