The mission of the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences (A&GS) is to provide a world-class academic experience that promotes innovation and research, leading to advanced education and exciting careers in geography, environmental sustainability, meteorology, climate, geographic information science, and global environmental concerns.

TOP TEN REASONS TO CONSIDER THE College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences

1. With fewer than 350 undergraduates, we provide students with a unique, small college experience while enjoying all the benefits of a major university.

2. OU’s Research Campus, which houses the National Weather Center, the Radar Innovations Laboratory, and the South Central Climate Science Center, was named Top Research Park of 2013 by the Association of Research Parks.

3. A&GS majors benefit from vibrant international exchange programs in over 50 countries! We offer (1) $1,500 and (3) $5,000 study abroad scholarships each year to our students.

4. In addition to study abroad scholarships, our students receive more than $115,000 annually in scholarships and tuition waivers.

5. All A&GS majors have access to state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs, and research laboratory facilities in the Sarkeys Energy Center, National Weather Center, the Center for Spatial Analysis, and the Radar Innovations Laboratory.

6. The College also houses its own library, located in the National Weather Center. The A&GS library contains resources specifically for A&GS students, including copies of textbooks required for A&GS majors that students may check out.

7. A&GS offers a number of opportunities for undergraduate research and work experience that include a wide range of internships, as well as employment positions in the National Weather Center – the world’s only facility that co-locates state and federal operational agencies with research centers and education.

8. Degrees offered through A&GS are very marketable because they address important issues for the planet’s future, such as applied geographic information systems, high-impact weather, renewable energy, and climate change.

9. Our academic units support student attendance at professional national conferences, such as the American Association of Geographers (AAG) and the American Meteorological Society (AMS), providing funds for transportation, accommodation, and registration fees.

10. A&GS faculty and alumni include directors of the National Weather Service and NOAA’s National Hurricane Center, a NASA space shuttle astronaut, past presidents of the American Meteorological Society, Oklahoma’s first member of the National Science Board, Oklahoma’s first member of the National Academy of Science, and a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

DEGREE PROGRAMS*

- Environmental Sustainability
- Geographic Information Science
- Geography
- Meteorology

*We now offer accelerated degree programs that combine any undergraduate major in geography, environmental sustainability, or geographic information science with a master’s degree in Regional & City Planning from the College of Architecture.

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