



*Although not mandatory,  
advising is recommended  
for your success*

**Does my adviser/Geography Department office only assist me with my semester schedule?**

No, Geography faculty and staff also do the following:

- Program planning sheet and/or electronic audit review, which contains a record of all your completed coursework and grades.
- Explain the concepts of course sequence, pre-requisite coursework, liberal studies requirements & double-counting, and how they affect your plan of study.
- Assist in resolving degree audit discrepancies and processing course substitution/directed study paperwork.
- Discuss internship, graduate school and career options.  
<http://webb.nmu.edu/Departments/Geography/SiteSections/CareerResources/CareerResources.shtml>

As you can see, there are numerous reasons to take personal responsibility for understanding your major plan of study, and the Department is here to help! Keep our phone number on hand and never hesitate to call with any questions.

**Advising Party: food will be provided!**

**Wednesday, October 28 @ 6:00 p.m. - West Science 3710**

- ✓ Keep yourself on the fast track toward graduation and learn tips to enhance your degree.
- ✓ Find out more about Department sponsored clubs and organizations which will allow you to expand your learning beyond the classroom.
- ✓ Ask any questions that we might not have answered.
- ✓ Look for faculty to post sign-up sheets outside their offices in the upcoming weeks for one-one advising sessions.

**Dates of Importance:**

- Audits will begin to be e-mailed to eligible students-week of 10/19 Registrar's Office: Student must have completed 87 credit hours
- Winter 2010 Registration begins ..... Fri. 10/30  
Find link at <http://www.nmu.edu/records/Instructions2.htm>
- Last day to drop a Fall 2009 course with a "W" grade ..... Fri. 10/30
- Dept. Graduate School Interest Night ..... Tues. 11/10  
6:00 p.m. West Science 3710
- Exam week ..... 12/7 – 12/11  
<http://www.nmu.edu/records/examsched.htm>

\*NOTE: GC 470 is subject to minimum enrollments for the course to be offered. Take advantage of this opportunity, as the course has not been offered since W'05. Serving as an elective for ENV CONS majors & minors and a requirement in the ENV Policy track for ENV Science, the course could also serve as a course substitution; contact the Department Head for further information.

**Have you completed the required prerequisite courses for Winter 2010 courses?**

Prerequisite courses are required before you can enroll in many courses needed for your degree. Knowledge obtained from this coursework provides you with the skills needed to succeed in future courses. If you haven't completed the stated prerequisite(s), you will receive an error message while trying to enroll. Remember to plan ahead and to take the appropriate prerequisites early, keeping in mind the projected course offering time-table. (See Summer/Fall 2010 prospective schedule listed below)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Prerequisite(s)</u>
GC 205 Intro. to Geo. Research: ...	AIS 101, EN 211, and GC 100 or 164
GC 225, Intro. to Maps .....	MA ≥100
GC 235, Quant. Methods .....	CIS 110 & MA ≥103
GC 300, Regional Studies .....	EN 211 & SO
GC 320, Env. Policy & Reg. ....	ENV 101 & JR
GC 335, GIS .....	CIS 110 & GC 225
GC 360, Population Geography .....	EN 211 & SO
GC 365, Historical Geology .....	GC 255
GC 385, Weather & Climate .....	GC 100
GC 425, Remote Sensing .....	CIS 110, GC 225, course in statistics & JR
GC 428, Spatial Analysis .....	GC 335 or 425
*GC 470, Environmental Ethics .....	ENV 101 & GC 205
See note in text box at bottom of page	
GC 489, Human Impact on Env. ....	GC 205, 235 & 24 GC credits

**Summer and Fall 2010 Tentative Course Schedule:**

GC 100 – Physical Geography .....	S'10/F'10
GC 164 – Human Geography .....	S'10/F'10
GC 202 – Soils .....	S'10/F'10
GC 205 – Intro. to Geographic Research .....	F'10
GC 210 – Natural Hazards .....	(*S'10 and/or F'10 possibility)
GC 225 – Intro. to Maps .....	F'10
GC 235 – Quantitative Methods .....	F'10
GC 255 – Physical Geology .....	S'10/F'10
GC 295 – Special Topics-Intro.to Sustainability ..	F'10
GC 300 – Regional Studies: Latin America .....	S'10/F'10
GC 335 – GIS .....	S'10/F'10
GC 337 – Cartography .....	F'10
GC 360 – Population Geography .....	F'10
GC 370 – Geomorphology .....	F'10
GC 401 – Biogeography .....	F'10
GC 465 – Hydrology .....	(*F'10 possibility)
GC 475 – Env. Impact Assessment .....	F'10
GC 489 – Human Impact on the Env. ....	F'10
ENV 101 – Intro. to Environmental Science .....	F'10