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GARP 345/545

Geography Skills and Themes for Teachers (3 credits)

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Tuesdays 4:00 – 6:25, Bates 05

Geography is not simply about memorizing state capitals or oceans any more than mathematics is about learning to count. Geography is about studying the places we live and the planet we inhabit. Geography education provides a framework for encouraging students to explore their worlds and to investigate and solve the social and environmental problems of their neighborhoods, cities and towns. In this way geography education contributes to the teacher’s goal of shaping concerned and engaged citizens.

In this course teachers will learn the key elements of geography curriculum and acquire the skills to design geography lesson plans that contribute to meeting Massachusetts State math, science, history, and social science curriculum frameworks. Additionally, we will discuss the process of designing and leading field-based learning activities, inventorying local sites for field trips, map-making, and we will introduce the theme of place-based education.