

The Department of Geography at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner established in 2018, warmly welcomes students who are curious about the world around them, its land, people, climate, and environment. Located in the heart of western Rajasthan, our department is uniquely placed in an arid and semi-arid region of immense geographical significance, the department enjoys a unique natural setting that enriches teaching, learning, and research.

The surrounding desert landscape is not merely a backdrop; it is a living laboratory. Studying geography at MGSU means learning directly from the desert landscape, and understanding real-world issues such as water scarcity, climate change, human adaptation, land use, and sustainable development. Our surroundings act as an open classroom where students can connect theory with reality.

Since its inception, the department has been continuously striving to strengthen teaching, learning, and research through a balanced integration of theoretical knowledge, practical training, and field-based studies. The academic system initially followed the annual pattern (2018-2022) and later transitioned smoothly to the semester system, in line with national higher education reforms, ensuring academic flexibility and continuous evaluation.

Mission

- To impart quality education in Geography through innovative teaching and experiential learning by integrating modern technology and smart learning tools in teaching and evaluation processes.
- To promote research and field-based studies related to desert regions, climate change, and resource management
- To develop students' analytical, spatial, and environmental understanding.
- To prepare students for higher education, competitive examinations, and professional careers.

Courses Offered

The department offers programmes that support both academic growth and career preparation:

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1	B.A Hons Geography	3 years	80	10+2 examination of any Board with at least 48% marks.

	(History & Economics as a Subsidiary Subject)	(6 Semesters)		
2	M.A Geography	2 years (4 Semesters)	40	Candidates must possess a bachelor's degree (BA or equivalent) in the relevant or related discipline with minimum 48% aggregate marks.

Dissertation is offered at the postgraduate level to promote research orientation, analytical skills, and independent academic inquiry. Admissions to both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes are granted strictly based on merit, with reservation provided as per Government of Rajasthan and University norms.

Faculty Support

Head of Department

Dr. Pragti Sobti

Assistant Professor (English)

Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner, Rajasthan (Additional Charge)

The Department of Geography is supported by 8 Guest Faculty members for the domain and 4 Guest Faculty members for the subsidiary subjects. The faculty reflects academic diversity and excellence, with each member bringing unique expertise and notable achievements. Their strong subject proficiency and effective teaching practices ensure quality education and meaningful academic engagement.

Infrastructure and Learning Facilities

To enhance teaching-learning outcomes, the Department of Geography is equipped with:

- Smart Classrooms with Smart Boards for technology enabled and interactive learning.
- Facilities supporting map work, surveying, field studies, project work, and introductory GIS applications. These resources help students develop conceptual clarity, technical competence, and practical skills.

Student Profile

The department encourages academic discipline, critical thinking, research aptitude, and field-based learning. The department caters to students from diverse academic, social, and economic backgrounds, largely representing rural and semi-urban areas of western Rajasthan. Many students are first-generation learners who aspire to careers in:

- Teaching and academics
- Civil services and other competitive examinations
- Urban and regional planning
- Environmental and development sectors

Students Admission Statistics:

Courses	Sanctioned Seats	Average Admission (Last five years: 2021-2026)		
		Male	Female	Total
B.A. Hons Geography	80	48	18	66
M.A. Geography	40	16	15	31

Vision 2030

To become a leading centre for geographical education and research with a special focus on arid and semi-arid regions, sustainable development, and spatial analysis, contributing to regional and national development by 2030.

Why Choose Geography at MGSU, Bikaner?

Because here, geography is not just studied- it is experienced, understood, and applied.