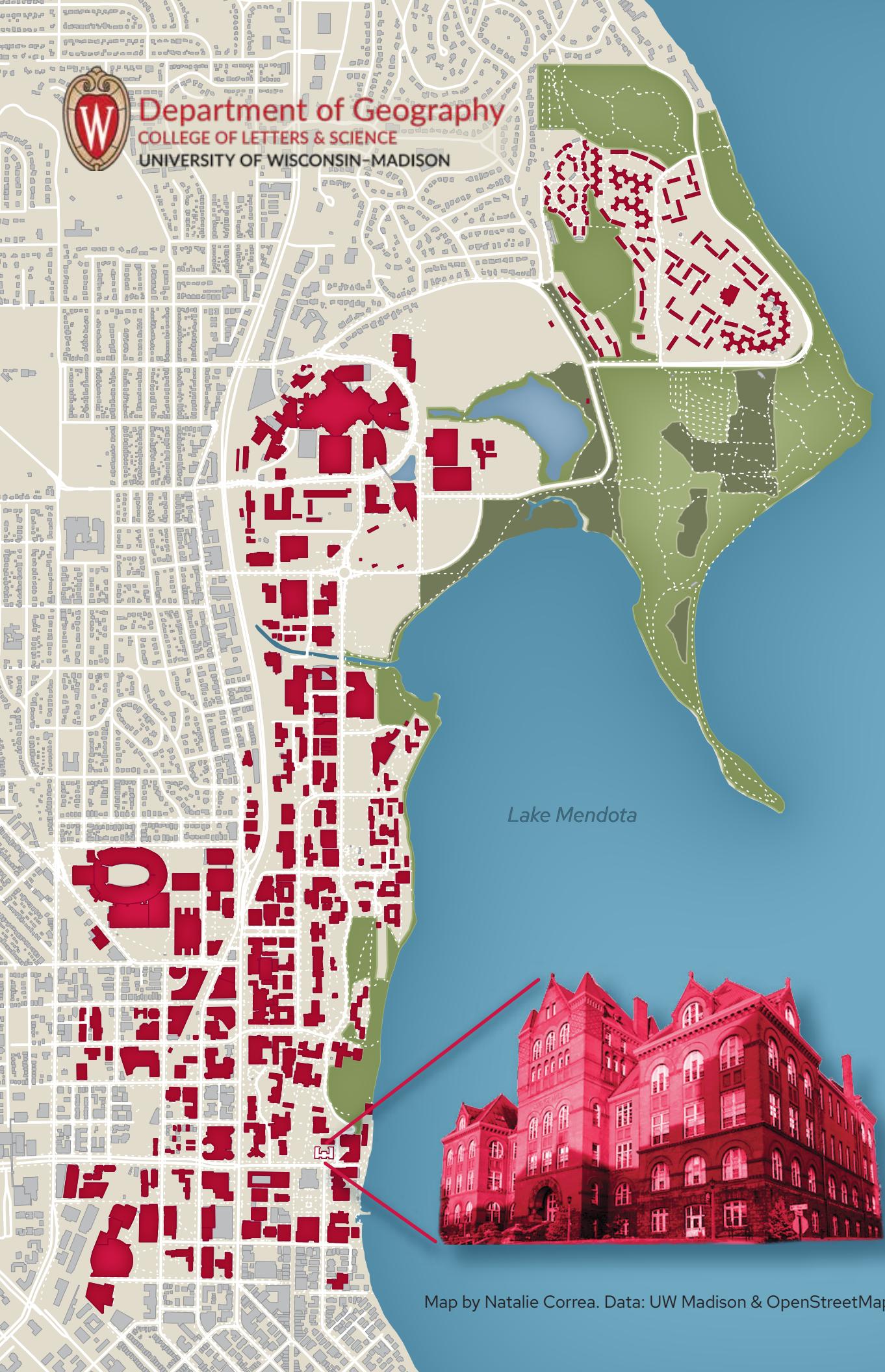


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# History of the Geography Department

Early 1900s	Geography courses taught within geology and other departments
1928	Ellsworth Huntington officially founds the Geography Department
1939	Richard Hartshorne publishes <i>The Nature of Geography</i> , shaping modern geographic thought
1940s	Department grows in human and physical geography research
1947	Arthur Robinson develops the <i>Robinson Projection</i> , revolutionizing world map design
1950s to 1960s	UW-Madison becomes a leader in cartography
1960s to 1970s	The Cartographic Lab is established, pioneering digital mapping techniques
1990s	Expansion into GIScience, remote sensing, and environmental geography
2000s	Growth in climate change research, urban geography, and critical cartography
2020s	The Geography Department continues to rank among the top geography programs in the U.S.

