Geography

Geography can be defined as the integrated study of the Earth's places, societies, environments, and landscapes. Among academic disciplines, Geography is unique in combining the social sciences and humanities with the physical sciences. In physical geography, or earth system science, we study natural processes, their interactions, as well as natural and human-generated environmental issues, such as climate change.

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Reasons to study Geography and Planning

- Hands-on lab and field work. Engage communities, see results.
- Gain a wide range of transferable skills that stand out in the labour market, like teamwork, cultural sensitivity, and tech savviness.
- 3 Learn to make sensible judgments about matters involving the physical environment and society.
- Question the world you live in and get the skills you need to change it.
- 5 Join a community of scholars with close and interactive relationships with each other.

Alumni Story

"Traveling and asking sometimes difficult questions was an integral part of my two geography degrees at Queen's... the trilogy of land, people, and the struggle over resources, which formed the basis of much of my geography training, shapes not only how we should understand conflicts, but also how we can work to resolve them."

- Krista House, BAH '97

TOP ALUMNI JOBS

of alumni work in CONSULTING

of alumni work in BANKING & INVESTMENT

16% of alumni work in GOVERNMENT

32% of alumni work in EDUCATION

Add a Certificate

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Geographic Information Science

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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2024-25 Plan Thresholds

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit quartsci.com/planselection.

Interested in finding out how to augment your degree with Experiential Learning? Learn what opportunities and resources are available for you on the Experiential Learning website. You can also reach out to the team directly at asc.el@queensu.ca.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

Geography MAJOR MAP

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) or BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS): MAJOR, JOINT HONOURS, MINOR



	1ST YEAR	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR	4TH OR FINAL YEAR
GET THE COURSES YOU NEED	In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Geography in biology, chemistry, geography, and geology along with some electives. Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help. Interested in getting a head start in learning and working in a digital world? Take ASCX 150 and develop future-ready skills!	Start going deeper into the discipline of Geography, while considering a minor and/ or certificate such as Geographic Information Science and/or Urban Planning Studies. Learn more about Certificates and Internship options.		In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).
GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	Join teams or clubs on campus such as Queen's Project on International Development (QPID) and the Geography Explore Camp. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen's Get Involved page for more ideas.	Look into <u>summer jobs</u> by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through <u>SWEP</u> or <u>Work-Study</u> . Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services or the <u>Alma Mater Society</u> .	Contact faculty members during their office hours or through the geography website to inquire about summer assistant positions. If interested, apply for an Undergraduate Student Summer Research Fellowship (USSRF). Consider applying to do a 12-16 month QUIP	Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest. Assess what experience you're lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
GET ENGAGED WITH THE COMMUNITY	Volunteer on- or off-campus with different community organizations, such as local charities or clubs like <u>The Earth Centre</u> .	Get involved with the <u>Departmental Student Council (DSC)</u> . Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as the <u>Royal Canadian Geographical Society</u> .	professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC. Volunteer at a conference or workshop (e.g. the <u>Canadian Association of</u>	Consider joining professional associations like Canadian Association of Geographers, the National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, and the Canadian Remote Sensing Society. Join groups on LinkedIn reflecting specific careers or topics of interest in Geography.
GET ENGAGED GLOBALLY	Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations. Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.	Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.	getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills, perhaps through the French for Professionals certificate.	International students interested in staying in Canada can speak with an International Student Advisor.
GET CAREER READY	Grappling with program decisions? Go to <u>Majors</u> <u>Night</u> or get some help <u>wondering about career</u> <u>options</u> from Career Services.	Explore different careers of interest in the Career Services Information Area. For more information check out <u>Career Cruising</u> or by finding and connecting with alumni on <u>LinkedIn</u> .	Start focusing on areas of interest. Research education requirements for careers of interest. If needed, prepare to take any required tests (like the LSAT or GMAT) and get help thinking about Grad School from Career Services.	Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures. Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions. Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Knowledge & Workplace Skills

A degree in Geography can equip you with:

- Understanding of the interrelationships between people, places, and environments
- Knowledge of social, cultural, economic, and political factors affecting societies and environments; physical and biophysical aspects of the earth's environments; and the earth system
- Oral and written communication to write reports and give presentations
- Field research skills to conduct field studies by installing sensors and data loggers to measure and monitor physical processes
- Laboratory research skills to collect snow, water, soil, and vegetation samples for biogeochemical analysis in the laboratory
- Analytical skills to analyze spatial information and data using computer technologies such as Geographic Information Systems (e.g. ESRI ArcInfo), Remote Sensing and Image Processing, and statistical methods

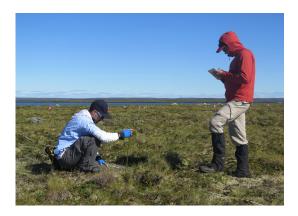
Career Possibilities

A degree in Geography can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Climatology
- DemographyFarming
- GIS specialist
- Heritage conservation
- Immigration services
- Landscape architecture
- Mapping and surveying
- Oceanography
- Urban and regional planning

Taking time to explore career options, build experience, and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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Get started thinking about the future now - where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources - our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.



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- Graduate with a "Professional Internship" degree
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ELIGIBILITY

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9



- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen's staff in job search and during internship.

SAMPLE PAST INTERNSHIPS



For more information, contact quip@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

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Since 1841, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world - and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive

versity closer than you think to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America you will have London / 7 hrs CANADA Oueen's the experience of a Beijing / 15 hrs lifetime at Queen's Dubai / 14 hrs - and graduate Calgary / 4 hrs Vancouver / 5 hrs with a degree that is globally Halifax / 2 hrs San Francisco / 5.5 hrs Kingston recognized Denver/3 hrs among New York / 1.5 hrs UNITED the best. STATES Dallas / 3.5 hrs Atlanta / 2 hrs

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