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.

“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

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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

**GRADUATION FOR LIFE AFTER**

**GLOBALLY**

**COMMUNITY**

**WITH THE**

**GET CONNECTED**

**YOU NEED**

**COURSES**

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**GET THE COURSES YOU NEED**

1ST YEAR In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Geography in biology, chemistry, geography and geology along with some electives.

2ND YEAR 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. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

3RD YEAR A chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore many areas of Geography. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR 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).

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**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.

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**GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Volunteer on or off campus with different community organizations, such as local charities or clubs like The Earth Centre.

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**GET THINKING GLOABALLY**

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.

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**GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION**

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

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**Consider a 12-16 month QUIP internship**

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 Careers Skills workshop for help.

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**Where can I go?**

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
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**Where can I go?**

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
- Demography
- Farming
- 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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MAJOR MAP

Why study in Kingston?
For 175 years, 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 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 the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

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.

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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are paid and full-time

WORK TERMS
are 12-16 months long

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Graduate with “Professional Internship” on your degree.
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

ELIGIBILITY

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

WHY QUiP?

- 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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