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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.

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Geography MAJOR MAP *

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

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.
- Volunteering on or off campus with different community organizations, such as local charities or clubs like The Earth Centre.
- Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

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 Certificate and Internship options.
- Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.
- Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects. Connect with professors at events or workshops hosted by the DSC. Volunteer at a conference or workshop (e.g. the Canadian Association of Geographers’ Annual General Meeting).

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.
- 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 13-16 month QUIP internship between your third and fourth year.
- Build your intercultural competence by getting involved with other cultures or by practicing or improving your language skills, perhaps through the French for Professionals certificate.

4TH OR FINAL YEAR
- Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
- Consider joining professional associations like the Canadian Association of Geographers, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, or the Canadian Remote Sensing Society.
- Investigate opportunities in Conservation and the Environment by taking QUIC’s Opportunities in Conservation and the Environment course.
- 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 DGSS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

What will I learn?
- A degree in Geography can equip you with:
  - Understanding of the interrelationships between people, places and the environment.
  - Knowledge of social, cultural, economic and political factors affecting societies and environments; physical and biophysical aspects of the earth’s environment; and the earth system.
  - Oral and written communication skills 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.

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:
  - Urban and regional planning
  - Oceanography
  - Landscape architecture
  - Heritage conservation
  - GIS specialist
  - Demography
  - Farming
  - GIS specialist
  - Heritage conservation
  - Immigration services
  - Landscape architecture
  - Mapping and surveying
  - Oceanography
  - Urban and regional planning

- Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.
- Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Career Opportunities in Conservation and the Environment. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.
- 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.
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Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!