**GEOGRAPHY**

Major, Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

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**2018-19 thresholds**

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min C- in GPHY 1##

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- 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
- Problem solving through community engagement and consultation
- 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:

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

What will I learn?
For more information check out the geography website

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