Human geography is a diverse and vibrant subject that aims to understand how humans interact on the earth’s surface: the places they create, the boundaries they construct, the connections they make and the environments they alter. Human geography has a rich intellectual tradition at Queen’s which is broad and plural so a wide range of research is undertaken. Human geographers also engage in field research and practical assignments to bridge gaps between theory and practice.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING**

1. Hands-on lab and field work. Engage communities, see results.
2. 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 judgements about matters involving the physical environment and society.
4. 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 JOBS**

- **4%** of alumni work in **CONSULTING**
- **6%** of alumni work in **BANKING & INVESTMENT**
- **16%** of alumni work in **GOVERNMENT**
- **32%** of alumni work in **EDUCATION**

**REASONS to study GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING**

“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

**2018-19 thresholds**

- **1.9 GPA** AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
  - min C- in GPHY 1##
- **1.9 GPA** PENDING LIST

*Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. For the latest information please visit: QUartscl.com
GEOGRAPHY MAJOR MAP

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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 Urban Planning Studies. Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Certificate 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 — for some ideas, see the back page.

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).

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 summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEF or Work-Experience.

Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services or the Alma Mater Society.

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as the Royal Canadian Geographical Society.

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 internship between your third and fourth year.

Consider joining professional associations like the 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 CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

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

Get involved with the Departmental Student Council (DSC).

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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).

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GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIP's Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIP advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

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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.

Consider studying abroad in the summer as a part of a new joint field course program with Beijing Normal University in China.

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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.

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Information Area, such as Careers 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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What will I learn?
A degree in Geography can equip you with valuable and versatile skills, such as:

- 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 ArcMap), 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 Masters. 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

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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Sample Year by Year

1ST YEAR
- GPHY 101/3.0
- GPHY 102/3.0
- 24.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- 6.0 units from GPHY 242/3.0, GPHY 243/3.0, GPHY 247/3.0, (GPHY 240/3.0 or SOCY 210/3.0)
- 6.0 units from GPHY 227/3.0, GPHY 228/3.0, GPHY 229/3.0
- 6.0 units from GPHY_Physical at the 200 level or above
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- 9.0 units from GPHY at the 300 level or above
- 9.0 units from GPHY Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- 3.0 units from GPHY 401/3.0, GPHY 402/3.0, GPHY 403/3.0
- 15.0 units from GPHY Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

* Please note if you were admitted to the Plan prior to May 2018 your requirements are slightly different.

Note that degree requirements are revised regularly. The most current requirements, including course lists and options, are found in the Academic Calendar at: QUartsci.com/academic-calendar