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.

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

alumni STORY

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-Krista House, BAH ’97

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1.9 GPA AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE
min C- in GPHY 1##

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- GIS specialist
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What will I learn?

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1ST YEAR
- GPHY 101/3.0
- GPHY 102/3.0
- 6.0 units from MATH or STAT at the 100 level or above
- 6.0 units from CHEM or PHYS at the 100 level or above
- 12.0 units of electives

2ND YEAR
- GPHY 207/3.0
- GPHY 208/3.0
- GPHY 209/3.0
- GEOL 200/3.0
- GPHY 247/3.0
- GPHY 242/3.0 or GPHY 243/3.0
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

3RD YEAR
- 18.0 units from GPHY Options
- 12.0 units of electives and/or minor

4TH YEAR
- GPHY 415/6.0
- 12.0 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