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Why Study Geography?

Overview

Statistics for employability consistently show that geography graduates are highly employable, working across a wide range of sectors and roles.

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Interested in topical issues such as coastal and river management, sustainable energy or regeneration of inner city areas? Geography covers the physical and manmade world around us. Courses can include a mix of human, physical and environmental geography or you can specialise in one of these areas. Students will also commonly collect and analyse their own data on arranged field trips – which might be in far-flung locations, or situated closer to home.

Who typically studies Geography?

The example below is for studying Geography at University of Birmingham.

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Who studies this subject and how do they get on?

SOURCE: HESA ⓘ

95% UK students	5% International students	Most popular A-Levels studied (and grade achieved)
42% Male students	58% Female students	
91% 2:1 or above	3% Drop out rate	

Geography	A
Economics	A
Biology	B

Geography

UCAS Points	% applicants receiving offers	Student satisfaction score	Average graduate salary
136	94%	83% MED	£22k MED

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Course information >



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Where can I study Geography?

The RGS compile a directory and map of all institutions in the UK.

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/studying-geography-and-careers/geography-at-university/directory-of-geography-courses/>

From this you can click on individual institutions to look at the courses they offer.

What skills will I gain?

- Intellectual skills, such as critically evaluating theories and judging evidence in order to make informed decisions and to develop reasoned arguments
- Research skills, such as using a range of technical methods for the collection and analysis of spatial and environmental data, and undertaking fieldwork.
- Transferable skills, such as teamwork, problem solving, IT skills, communication skills (presentation, writing, debating)
- Personal attributes, such as time-management, development of responsibility, coping with uncertainty, self-reflection, motivation, flexibility and creativity.

What will it cost to go to University?

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/advice/cost-studying-university-uk>

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/student-finance/how-much-debt-will-i-actually-get-into-by-going-to-university>

According to the Institute of Fiscal Studies in 2017, the average student in England will graduate with **debts of over £50,000!**

There are 2 main costs to consider: **tuition fees and accommodation**

A typical undergraduate degree in the UK lasts three years, meaning that the average student debt amounted to £27,000 in 2017 (£9000 per year).

The average annual accommodation cost for students is £4,875 (based on a 39-week contract).

What do students say about studying Geography?

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2018/05/23/geography-degree-no-laughing-matter/>

Read the thoughts of Geography students, notable Geographers include Mother Teresa taught Geography in a convent, while Prince William, Hugh Dennis and Theresa May studied the subject at university.



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What are Geography graduates doing since their completed University course?

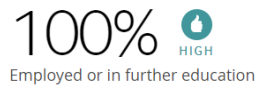
Graduate careers are diverse and include environmental consultancy, planning, marketing and overseas development work

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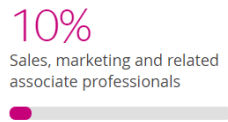
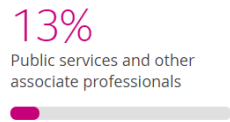
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What are graduates doing after six months?

This is what graduates told us they were doing (and earning), shortly after completing their course. We've crunched the numbers to show you if these immediate prospects are high, medium or low, compared to those studying this subject/s at other universities.




Top job areas of graduates



[What do graduate employment figures really tell you? >](#)



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Key websites

Which University?

<https://university.which.co.uk/subjects/geography>

This website allows you to look at the institutions, such as at Birmingham University they offer 3 courses in connection with Geography (Geography, Geology and Physical Geography, Geography and urban and regional planning).

Why study Geography at university?

<https://www.rgs.org/geography/studying-geography-and-careers/geography-at-university/why-study-geography/>

Why studying Geography is important? Dr Alex Loftus, Kings College, London.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yR6mqAgcjrY&safe=true>

<https://www.ucas.com/job-subjects/geography>