



UNIVERSITY OF
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

at Cheltenham and Gloucester

BSc (HONS) GEOGRAPHY



Globalisation, sustainability and climate change. The world's most pressing issues are inherently geographical, putting this subject in the international spotlight.

As a degree, Geography offers an academic experience like no other. The breadth of content, skills and travel, coupled with our focus on geography relevant to the present and future, leads to consistent above average graduate employability and diverse career paths. As such, a Geography degree suits those both with and without a clear sense of their career ambitions.

You'll become proficient in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), work in well-equipped laboratories, draw upon extensive IT resources and participate in fieldwork both in the UK and overseas. You'll experience an extensive range of assessments to gain a comprehensive measure of your abilities for studying and employment. Our marking system accommodates your rate of adjustment to UK higher education, ensuring your potential is accurately reflected in your final degree grade.

You'll be given the opportunity to take modules outside of Geography, such as an introduction to Teaching English as a Foreign Language, supporting the restless geographer in you to travel, live and work in different parts of the world. You might also choose our work placement module, giving you a competitive edge of experience, attractive to employers.

International Development Centre

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Level I	Earth Systems and Processes	Living in a Global World	Introductory Research and Fieldwork	Practical Environmental Investigation	Option
			Mapping	Data Handling and Presentation	Option
Level II	Threats to Civilisation	International Fieldwork	Contemporary Urban Issues	Ice Age Earth	Option
		Geographical Information Systems	Conflict & Development	Fluvial Hydrosystems	Option
Level III	Global Futures	Global Crime	Climate Change	Geography Dissertation	Option
	Advanced Geographical Information Systems	The Postcolonial World	Sustainable Rivers		Option

Please Note: This course map gives an example of what can be studied within this degree programme (single honours).

ILLUSTRATIVE MODULES

Earth Systems and Processes introduces the physiography of, and contemporary issues facing the Earth, consolidating and extending learning acquired in secondary education.

Living in a Global World explores what it means to live in a globalised world. It considers the relationships between a number of social science disciplines and their contributions to understanding the processes of globalisation and their impacts.

Introductory Research and Fieldwork introduces basic academic and field skills required for successful completion of the dissertation and degree, yet transferable to sectors beyond academia and engendering life-long learning.

Mapping focuses on the cartographical representation of data using a range of sources and techniques in order to develop a student's interpretation and production skills in preparation for GIS.

Threats to Civilisation examines the relationship between population and resources in the face of major environmental change and hazards, taking inter-disciplinary lessons from the collapse of past civilisations and applying them in the management of contemporary threats.

International Fieldwork engages in advanced field techniques and project management in an unfamiliar and challenging environment, equipping students with key skills exportable to the global workplace. This module operates as a residential field component, located in the Alps, Egypt, Florida, Patagonia or Uganda.

Geographical Information Systems imparts the principles of GIS data gathering, manipulation and output, using industry-standard software.

Global Futures focuses on the critical facets of global sustainability including food, water and energy to plot physical and social solutions.

Advanced Geographical Information Systems expands upon the theory and practical experience gained in GIS, focusing on ArcGIS applications.

Option modules allow you to choose from a selection of modules – a full list of modules can be seen at www.glos.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/geo and then selecting “detailed course information”.

STAFF PROFILE

Dr Phillip Toms BSc, PhD, FHEA
Course Leader – Geography

“Going to University is a logical step; improving employment prospects and increasing potential earning power, but moreover creating a better society that can think independently, critically and conscientiously. However, making the what and where decision for an undergraduate degree can feel daunting. At your juncture, I was interested in a range of careers and therefore didn't what to choose a degree that was likely to pigeon-hole my employment prospects. The diversity of careers and high employment rates in a subject that affects and is of utility to everyone meant that Geography for me was a natural choice. My selection of institution was driven by the relevance of the themes and skills offered, the opportunities to travel widely and the existence of relatively small class sizes for effective learning. These remain key factors for today's Geography students and which we retain here at Gloucestershire.”

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STUDENT PROFILE

Richard Jones
BSc (Hons) Geography

“My studies and overall university experience benefited from the relatively small and close-knit community of the course, in contrast to the large (>200 per year) student populations in Geography at other Universities. The course was tailored with student input, reflecting the importance staff attach to student views. The fieldtrips were great for both learning and socialising. The course provided me with the knowledge and skills that led to a position with the Environment Agency in the summer after graduation, then studying for a Masters in climate change.”

Benefits of the Course

- Opportunities for UK and overseas fieldwork
- Modern and accessible GIS, laboratory and IT facilities
- Themes focussed on Earth's most pressing issues and the needs of employers

Mode of Study / Duration

Full-time, 3 years

International Fees for 2010/11

Annual Tuition Fee £8,615

Entry Requirements

- Applicants should have completed High School with good grades. Some students may have to complete an international foundation course before progressing to the bachelors degree
- IELTS 6.0 overall (5.5 in writing) or equivalent

Joint Honours

Animal Biology / Biology / Criminology / Education Studies / English Language / English Literature / History / Psychology / Sociology

Career Paths

- Geographic information systems in a wide and increasing range of sectors
- Teaching, lecturing and research
- Sustainable development

Enquiries and Applications

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