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The nature of working lives is changing. It is less likely that someone will spend all of their working life in one organisation or even in the same sector. If your career path is to be varied, you will need transferable skills and flexibility. Geography provides you with these.

- In simple terms geography graduates may enter into one of three career paths:



Career paths

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1) A career position **directly related** to their geographical knowledge and skills.

- A first degree in geography is an entry point to many careers, for example: town and transport planning, chartered surveying, land and water management, sustainability, environmental consultancy, development, tourism, conservation, demography, housing and social welfare
- At some point these careers will require further qualifications leading for example to chartered status, but many will offer the opportunity to do these qualifications whilst working.
- See the [geography careers](#) page for some examples, or download a copy of our [careers brochure](#) for further information.



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2) A career position which uses geographers' wide range of **transferable skills**

- The majority of geographers chose careers which make use of their transferable skills. Graduates from other disciplines will also enter these areas. These include information technology, administration and management, the financial sector, marketing, research, and industry and manufacturing
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3) Further full-time study or training

- To develop a career in research (Masters or PhD) or teaching (PGCE), or to advance qualifications for entry into more specialised professions (Masters or PhD).



What employers look for and what you will have to offer them

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Employers seek a mixture of skills, qualifications and experience when they recruit for a job. On completing your geography degree you will be in demand as you will be:

- A good communicator with strong presentation skills
- Competent IT skills
- An independent researcher
- Able to work effectively in a team in a variety of roles
- Effective at managing your time
- Good at combining information from a variety of sources with excellent writing skills



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You will also be able to offer a unique blend of specialised skills and knowledge that come from being a geographer. In addition to common graduate employment you could make good use of these specialist skills, which would include:

- Scientific and lab skills
- Producing and interpreting maps
- Research and interpretation of data including GIS
- Debate and enquiry
- Environmental and Social awareness
- Team based project work
- Fieldwork techniques



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Employers look at any experience you might have had:

- Work experience in any sector
- Voluntary placements
- Sign of long term commitment: to projects, new skills or interests for which you might have had to practice, train, work as a team, or fund raise in order to undertake.

Career profiles

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Discover the wide range
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Sustainability



Physical Systems



Travel, Tourism, Leisure
and Culture



The Business
World



Development and Global
Issues