BSc single honours or in combination with another subject

GEOGRAPHY
2016/17

WHY GEOGRAPHY?

This highly regarded programme introduces students to the major changes in the contemporary world and to the diversity of places, cultures and environments, and provides stimulating fieldwork experiences in various settings.

Geography at Canterbury allows students to develop a distinctive ‘pathway’ through their degree. They can focus on human or physical geography, regional geography, sustainable development, or environment and planning themes. The degree develops critical thinking about the interrelationships between societies and environments and explores such issues as environmental management, social welfare and economic development. By developing skills in collecting and analysing physical and social data and using a range of statistical, graphical and cartographical techniques, the degree equips our students for a wide range of fulfilling careers and for postgraduate study.

The Geographical Society, run by students, plans activities that complement the academic programme to ensure that newcomers are warmly welcomed into Geography.

Single honours students (numbers limited) have an exciting opportunity to study at the University of Lethbridge, Alberta, in Year 2.

Read our page on 'Five Reasons to Study Geography'.

http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/study-here/courses/undergraduate/geography.aspx
WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The programme progressively develops students’ geographical knowledge and skills, beginning with a broad introductory year and increasing the degree of specialisation as the programme progresses.

In Year 1, single honours students take six modules (combined honours students take three modules).
Discovering Geography: develops key skills and approaches to geography, including fieldwork and ICT skills.
Geography of a Changing World: focuses on human geography, examining inequalities at local, regional and global scales. People, Nature and Place: explores the changing relationship between society and the environment and the exploitation and management of the world’s resources. The Physical Environment: examines how environmental processes work at a range of scales and how these processes may be applied to sustainable management. The Settlement of South East England: traces the sequence of settlement and responses to the environment at critical phases in the occupation of the region. It also examines the planning issues currently facing the region. World Regional Geography: explores the differences and similarities between contemporary world regions.

Years 2 and 3 provide options to suit personal interests and career plans. Students may combine modules from across the discipline to gain a broad experience of the subject or focus more on physical or human geography modules. Modules available in Year 2 are: Geography and Geographers; Fieldwork Investigation in Geography; Biogeography and Landscape Ecology; Environment and Development; Geomorphology; Introduction to Mapping and Geographical Information Systems (GIS); The Geography of North America; Understanding Past Climatic Change; and New Europe: Uneven Development.

In Year 3, modules are: Independent Geographical Study; Advanced Geographical Information Systems and Remote Sensing; Applied Physical Geography: Climate and Society; Global Economic Systems; Regions of Risk: Human and Environmental Security; Space, Place and Politics; The Countryside: Conservation and Management; and Cities: Society, Economy and Space.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

Throughout the programme, there is a strong emphasis on developing skills and abilities that are sought by employers and that equip students for future careers. Our graduates develop expertise in gathering, analysing and evaluating data and presenting findings both orally and in writing. Information Technology, in particular GIS and other skills, are fully integrated within the programme, enhancing employability.

Geography graduates have pursued a range of careers in cartography, geographic information systems, environmental management, meteorology and surveying – as well as careers not directly connected with geography, but benefiting from graduate skills developed through our degree. Several recent graduates work in planning departments and have followed their geography degree with a postgraduate qualification in Town and Country Planning. Teaching is another popular career. The opportunity to develop GIS skills in our degree has proved especially useful, both in planning and environmental consultancy, as well as in business and the public services.

Read about our Geography alumni.
MODULES

Single Honours Modules

Year 1
Core:

- Discovering Geography
- Geography of a Changing World
- The Physical Environment
- World Regional Geography

Optional Modules if you wish to take a Language module:

- The Settlement of South East England
- People, Nature and Place

Year 2
Core:

- Geography and Geographers
- Fieldwork Investigation in Geography

Choose four options from:

- Biogeography
- Geomorphology
- Environment and Development
- New Europe: Uneven Development
- The Geography of North America
- Introduction to Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Understanding Past Climate Change

Year 3
Core:

- Independent Geographical Study (Dissertation)
Choose four options from:

- Applied Physical Geography
- Advanced Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Countryside: Conservation and Management
- Space, Place and Politics
- Regions of Risk: Human and Environmental Security
- Global Economic Systems
- Cities: Society, Economy and Space

Combined Honours Modules

Year 1
Core:

- Discovering Geography
- Geography of a Changing World

Choose one option from:

- People, Nature and Place
- The Physical Environment
- World Regional Geography
- The Settlement of South East England

Year 2
Optional Modules:

- Geography and Geographers
- Fieldwork Investigation in Geography
- Biogeography
- Environment and Development
- Geomorphology
- Introduction to Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- New Europe: Uneven Development
- The Geography of North America
- Understanding Past Climate Change

**Year 3**

**Core (for students biasing their studies towards Geography):**

- Individual Geographical Study

**Optional Modules:**

- Advanced Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
- Applied Physical Geography: Climate and Society
- Global Economic Systems
- Regions of Risk: Human and Environmental Security
- Space, Place and Politics
- The Countryside: Conservation and Management
- Cities: Society, Economy and Space

**FEES AND ADDITIONAL COSTS**

**Fees**

The 2015/16 and 2016/17 annual tuition fees for this course are:

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Tuition fees for all courses are payable on an annual basis, except where stated.

UK/EU full-time tuition fees for this course are set in line with the current maximum regulated tuition fee levels permitted by the UK Government.

Overseas full-time tuition fees for this course may be subject to an annual inflationary increase in every year where the course lasts more than one year.
*Overseas fee scholarships may be available for eligible students. For further information please contact fees@canterbury.ac.uk or the International Office: ipo@canterbury.ac.uk.

**Full-time courses which have a Foundation Year 0 will have a 2015/16 and 2016/17 UK/EU tuition fee of £6,000 in Year 0.

Further information

- Read further advice about funding your degree
- See information about the financial support available for undergraduate studies
- If you would like information about paying your fees, please contact finance@canterbury.ac.uk
- For specific fee queries, please contact fees@canterbury.ac.uk

Additional course costs

Although we aim to minimise any additional costs to students over and above the course tuition fee, there will be some additional costs which students on courses are expected to meet.

Read further information about the general additional costs which apply to courses at Canterbury Christ Church University.

Some categories of additional costs are always payable by the student, as set out in the general principles. These include costs for own purchase text books; DBS / Health Checks (although some may be reimbursed); Professional Body registration; travel to other sites; Library Fees and Fines; Printing & Photocopying; and travel and accommodation / subsistence costs whilst on Placements or Exchange visits.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Intellectual skills are promoted through lectures, practical classes, workshops and seminars. Learning to apply these thinking skills is achieved by the use of case studies and especially through fieldwork. Subject-specific skills are developed through practical work including computer laboratory activities, practical workshops and fieldwork. A planned programme of skills teaching begins at Level 4 and is followed through to Level 5 in core modules and in options. Formal preparation for the Independent Study begins at Level 5. This culminates at Level 3 and enables students to select and apply appropriate geographical skills, demonstrating their ability to work with a high degree of independence.

Graduate skills are promoted and developed in some form in all Geography modules at all levels. All modules develop communication skills (oral and/or written) and expect students to take responsibility for their own learning. Many modules also require students to work as part of a team. Fieldwork, in particular, develops skills in working with others, problem solving, data collection, analysis and interpretation. Level 6 modules provide further opportunity for students to apply Graduate Skills, particularly the skills associated with managing their own learning such as independence and autonomy.
ASSESSMENT

Intellectual skills are assessed by coursework and examination. Examinations provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to structure a clear, concise and reasoned argument and analyse an issue in a limited time period. The execution of a dissertation allows a student to demonstrate his/her thinking skills to the highest level. Assessment of subject specific skills is through coursework (including project reports, portfolios, oral presentations, poster presentations and the dissertation). The Independent Study will demonstrate student competence in subject-specific skills.

Assessment of Graduate Skills is through coursework at all levels. Specific Graduate Skills are assessed by project reports, computer-based assignments, poster and other data presentations, both individual and group. Progress in developing Graduate Skills is recorded in the student's Personal Development Plan.

Assessment methods used on the programme include:

- unseen examinations
- dissertations and projects
- practical work in the field and in the computer laboratory
- specialist C and IT work involving quantitative and qualitative analysis
- essays
- oral presentations
- posters
- team work of various kinds

FACT FILE

UCAS code

L700 Geography

Length

3 years full-time

Entry requirements

A typical offer would be 280 UCAS Tariff points
An A2 level in Geography is required for single honours entry. More entry requirement details.

Location
Canterbury

School

Human and Life Sciences

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Geography

COMBINES WELL WITH

Environmental Science, BSc - 2016/17
European Politics, BSc - 2016/17
International Relations, BSc - 2016/17
Politics, BSc - 2016/17
Tourism and Leisure Studies, BA / BSc - 2016/17

Our degree in Geography has a 94% overall student satisfaction rating.

(National Student Survey, 2015)

VIEW ADDITIONAL UNISTATS

Geography / Applied Criminology
Geography / Archaeology
Geography / Business Studies
Geography / Business Studies with Professional Placement
Geography / Computing
Geography / Early Childhood Studies
Geography / Education Studies
Geography / English Language And Communication
Geography / English Literature
Geography / Environmental Science
Geography / Film Radio And Television Studies
Geography / Health Studies
Geography / History
Geography / International Relations
Geography / Media And Communications
Geography / Politics
Geography / Sport And Exercise Science
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