

Geography

BA Hons/BSc Hons



Why study this programme?

Today's rapidly changing environment is the result of an interplay of natural, social, economic and political forces that have major geographical impacts. Geography identifies and explains the spatial patterns that result from the diverse relationships humans have with the environment. Geographers play an essential part in a multicultural world in which tolerance and sensitivity are fundamental to sustainable economic development and environmental management. As a result, geography graduates are attractive to employers requiring management staff who are well informed about the world.

If you wish to study geography at Greenwich, you will have a choice of either a BA Hons or BSc Hons programme. The BA programme relates to human geography and the BSc relates to physical geography.

You should apply for one of these programmes if you are interested in:

- Exploring the world that we live in and understanding more about the factors that shape both physical and social environments
- A career in a geography-related area
- Employment in more general areas of graduate employment.

Both programmes develop a range of subject-specific and transferable skills and the knowledge to prepare for employment or further study for higher degrees. They combine vocational training and theoretical understanding and have strong links with private-sector employers, local government and non-governmental agencies.

Why study with us?

The School of Science unites science with teaching and research. It works with the university's Natural Resources Institute to provide a centre for higher education with international expertise that spans the social, physical and natural sciences.

The School employs the very latest learning and assessment techniques, provide pastoral care to ensure students achieve their goals and deliver academic and professional programmes supported by research and scholarship. We have some of the most sophisticated instrumentation and most modern facilities in the UK, including state-of-the-art laboratories. Most of our programmes are accredited or recognised by relevant professional bodies, so you can have total confidence in the quality of our teaching programmes.

The School is located on the Medway Campus in the rapidly developing area of Chatham Maritime in Kent. The campus is home to three universities, making it a vibrant place to work, study and relax. There are three cafés, a pub, a sports hall and five halls of residence. The Students' Union University of Greenwich (www.suug.co.uk) and the Universities at Medway Students' Association (www.umsa.org.uk) both organise a variety of sports and social activities. The Medway Campus is located near the historic towns of Rochester and Chatham and is 50 minutes away from central London.

What courses will you study?

Geography is a holistic interdisciplinary degree that explores the interaction between people and their environments across a broad range of geographical situations. The programme explores a wide range of subjects, including climate change, quaternary studies, urban development, and tourism. Sustainability is a key concept that underpins the degree programme, with core courses covering this topic in Years 1 and 2.

The courses studied will depend on whether you choose the BA Hons or BSc Hons programme.

Year 1

- Society, Economy and Sustainability (30 credits)
- Practical Science Skills for Environmental Sciences (30 credits)
- The Earth's Dynamic Systems (30 credits)
- Science and the Environment (30 credits)

Towards the end of the year, you will also attend a residential field trip in the Lake District.

Year 2 (BA Hons)

- Introduction to Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry (15 credits)
- People, Place and the Environment (15 credits)
- Regeneration and the Thames Gateway (15 credits)
- Research Methods for Geography and Environmental Science (15 credits)
- Sustainable Development (15 credits)
- The Urban World (15 credits)

- Two 15-credit options from: Biogeography and Conservation Ecology; Earth's System Science; Environmental Analysis; Environmental Monitoring; Environmental Management; Quaternary Environmental Change (30 credits)

Towards the end of Year 2, you will attend a residential field trip in southern Spain.

Year 2 (BSc Hons)

- Biogeography and Conservation Ecology (15 credits)
- Earth's System Science (15 credits)
- Introduction to Remote Sensing and Photogrammetry (15 credits)
- Research Methods for Geography and Environmental Science (15 credits)
- Sustainable Development (15 credits)
- Quaternary Environmental Change (15 credits)
- Two 15-credit options from: Environmental Analysis; Environmental Monitoring; Environmental Management; People, Place and the Environment; Regeneration and the Thames Gateway; The Urban World (30 credits)

Towards the end of Year 2, you will attend a residential field trip in southern Spain.

Optional sandwich year (work placement)

Sandwich placements provide an opportunity to gain valuable paid work experience, enhance your CV and improve your employment prospects upon graduation. Successful completion of at least 36 weeks of sandwich

employment will result in the award of the Diploma of Industrial Study. We would encourage you to take up this opportunity.

Through the Erasmus European exchange programme, we also have collaborative arrangements with universities in the Netherlands, Italy and France which will enable you to study abroad for a period of time. This can make an important addition to your experience and CV.

Final year

- Geography and Environmental Sciences Dissertation (30 credits)
- Geographical Information Systems (15 credits)
- Planning for Personal and Professional Development (15 credits)
- Readings in Geography and Environmental Science (choose one from a range of topics, including sustainable communities; nature and society; environmental archaeology; environmental management and auditing; carbon sequestration; carbon budgets; community participation in planning and regeneration; sustainable use of water resources; and biofuels) (15 credits)
- Three 15-credit options from: Environmental Impact Assessment; Conservation and the Environment; Climate Change; Urban Development and Planning; Geography of Tourism and Development; Volcanic Processes and Environmental Systems (45 credits)



Key facts

UCAS code: L700 M BA/Geog (BA Hons)
F800 M BSc/Geog (BSc Hons)

Attendance: 3 years full-time, 4 years sandwich, 4–6 years part-time

Entry requirements: to find out more about entry requirements, please visit www.gre.ac.uk/programmes and type your programme into the search engine; then click on the 'Key Facts' tab on the programme page.

How to apply:

- Full-time applications must be made through UCAS. You should carefully consider the programmes available and apply as early as possible. For further information and UCAS deadlines, please visit www.ucas.ac.uk.
- If you are applying from outside the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland, you should apply online at www.gre.ac.uk/apply. For further information, e-mail international@gre.ac.uk.
- Part-time students apply online at www.gre.ac.uk/apply.

The dissertation is an important component of the final year, supported by the Research Methods course in Year 2. You will be given one-to-one supervision from a member of staff and study a topic of particular interest to you in considerable depth.

The readings course reflects cutting-edge research interests and provides a range of topics to choose from. It runs as small group tutorials, allowing all students close contact with academics to explore a particular area of research. These course modules run subject to achieving student numbers and may be liable to change.

Career opportunities

As a geography graduate, you will be well set for employment in both the public and private sector in areas including urban planning and regeneration, conservation, heritage management, sustainable development, environmental consultancy, natural resource management, and leisure and

tourism. Opportunities in more general graduate employment include business management, retail, marketing, media, teaching, the civil service and the armed forces.

Teaching and assessment

This programme is taught using a combination of lectures, tutorials, laboratory practicals, seminars, case studies, student-led presentations and field courses. The programme has a strong practical orientation, as well as academic rigour. You will be assessed through a range of different assessment strategies, including essay assignments, examinations, practical assignments in the laboratory, seminar presentations and fieldwork. You will be taught by lecturers who combine strong research and teaching experience.

Financial information

For up-to-date information on tuition fees and financial help, please visit www.gre.ac.uk/finance.



Your next step

University Open Days are held several times a year. They include a programme of talks and offer you the opportunity to speak to staff and students. You may also be given a tour of the campus. A list of dates can be found at **www.gre.ac.uk/opendays**, or contact the Enquiry Unit or International Office for further information.



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