

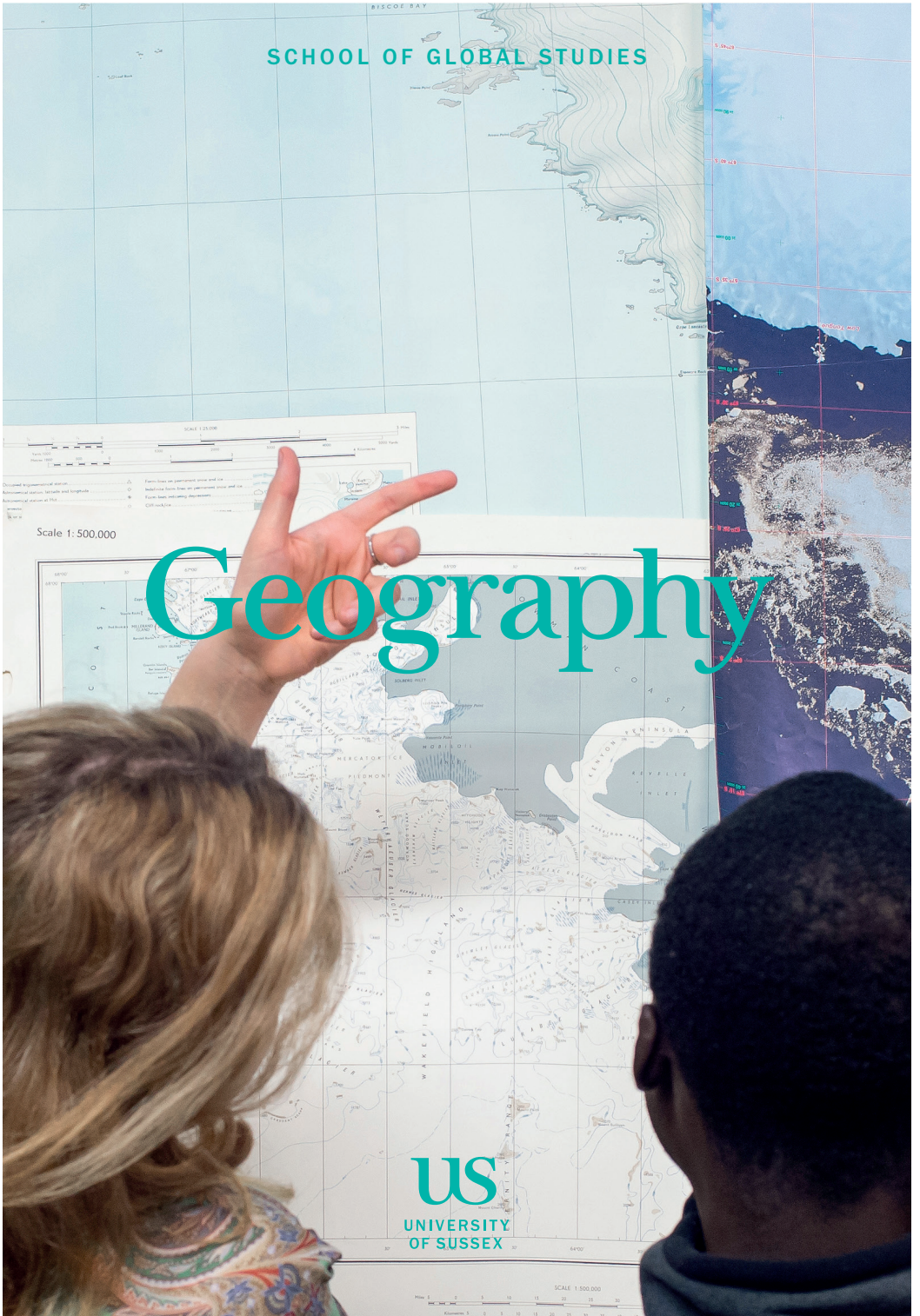
SCHOOL OF GLOBAL STUDIES

Geography

Scale 1:500,000

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SCALE 1:300,000



8th

IN THE UK

(GUARDIAN GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
LEAGUE TABLE 2019)

Geographers study the earth's landscapes, people and environment, and are the bridge between the social sciences (human geography) and natural sciences (physical geography). Geographers understand how human and natural worlds interact, and find real solutions to real world problems.

There has never been a more important and relevant time to study geography than now!

What makes Sussex special?

FLEXIBILITY AND CHOICE

Sussex geography students focus on the key global issues of our times, such as climate change and international migration, and choose from options covering much more – like social and spatial inequality and difference, geomorphology, environmental hazards, colonial networks, rebellion and resistance. The choice of modules and degree combinations reflects our diversity and faculty research expertise, and is flexible enough to allow you to develop your own interests and build a unique degree, mixing human and physical geography options as you wish.

Geography is one of the most diverse and interdisciplinary degrees you could choose to study, making geographers highly employable across a wide range of careers. Geography also gives you ‘cultural agility’ – a characteristic regarded by multinational employers as the most desirable graduate skill (*Global Graduates into Global Leaders, 2011*). This skill is a core part of our teaching, further developed by our international fieldwork and study abroad opportunities.

WORLD LEADING REPUTATION

Come to Sussex to study geography and join a welcoming, lively and successful department which received exemplary National Student Survey scores for overall satisfaction in both 2018 and 2019 and is currently ranked 8th in the UK (*Guardian league tables 2019*). You'll be taught by research-active lecturers who are passionate about their subjects. Our research came 1st nationally for the outstanding reach and significance of its impacts (*REF 2014*). We have a fantastic staff to student ratio and a unique international outlook with study, career and research opportunities around the world. The University of Sussex provides the perfect location to study geography, situated within the beautiful South Downs National Park, close to the south coast and the vibrant city of Brighton, just an hour from London.



Your student experience



You'll learn from world-leading experts in geography whose passion and knowledge will inspire you. We pride ourselves on the friendly and supportive teaching atmosphere, fostered by an emphasis on small group teaching. You will be allocated an experienced member of the teaching team as your academic advisor who will meet with you regularly to help you adjust to the demands and expectations of university study and life, providing a supportive context in which to ask questions about your work and experiences. There are many excellent facilities on campus including the award-winning university library and specialist physical geography laboratories, as well as dedicated study spaces for geography students in the Global Resource Centre and the Chichester Commons area. On the social side we have a thriving student run Geography Society, with events ranging from field trips to summer balls. GeogSoc is a great way to get involved with the Department and to meet other geographers!

“The campus, location, lecturers, extracurricular activities and Geography Society all shaped my time here. I wouldn't have wanted to study anywhere else!”

**CATHERINE RICE WILLIAMS
BA GEOGRAPHY**

Shaping your Geography degree



HONOURS DEGREES

You can choose BA Geography to study the relationship between human societies and their environments or BSc Geography to explore environmental and physical geography, climate and landscape change.

Our single honours degrees allow you to focus on the study of geography whilst taking modules from other subjects to provide a wider context including international development, languages or ecology and conservation. Joint degrees enable you to study exciting combinations of different subjects in even greater depth; for example Geography & International Development or Geography & Anthropology. You can shape your course as your interests and ambitions develop, so you'll graduate with a degree that's unique to you and with a set of skills to help you get to where you want to go.

YOUR FLEXIBLE COURSE STRUCTURE

You choose from a range of modules that enable you to focus on your particular area of interest. For a current list of modules, see: go.sussex.ac.uk/geography

FOUNDATION YEAR

If you're keen to study Geography but lack the qualifications or grades needed for degree study, our Foundation Years will help you bridge the academic gap between school and university and build your confidence too. Students who gain the required pass level in the Foundation Year are then able to stay at Sussex for their chosen degree.

Find out more: sussex.ac.uk/study/undergraduate

BA Geography

YEAR 1

AUTUMN

Human Geographies of the Modern World

Skills and Concepts in Geography I: Becoming a Geographer

The Natural World

ONE from:

Colonialism and After

Elective (incl. language)

SPRING

Culture Across Space and Time

Environmental Management and Sustainable Development

Skills and Concepts in Geography II: Quantitative and Analytical Skills

ONE from:

Understanding Earth

Elective (incl. language)

YEAR 2

AUTUMN

Cultural and Historical Geographies

Methods and Approaches in Human Geography

Understanding Global Migration

ONE from:

Global Climate Change

GIS

Elective (incl. language)

SPRING

EITHER

Geography Field Class (30 or 15 credits)**

Social Geography

TWO or THREE from:

Black Lives Matter

Environmental Perspectives on Development

Global Landscape Dynamics

Elective (incl. language)

OR

Study Abroad

*** 15 credits for SE England field class, 30 for overseas classes*

YEAR 3

AUTUMN/SPRING

Year-long Geography Thesis

THREE from:

Class, Community, Nation

Cultures of Colonialism

Disasters, Environment and Development

Geographies of Rising and Declining Powers

Geographies of Social Movements and Social Conflict

Geographies of Violence and Conflict

Global Food Security

Globalisation and Geopolitics

Home

Landscape, Nature and Representation

Memory, Space and Place

Religion, Migration and Social Transformation

Rural Livelihoods in the Global South

Water and Development in the Global South

BSc Geography

YEAR 1

AUTUMN

The Natural World
 Human Geographies of the Modern World
 Skills and Concepts in Geography I: Becoming a Geographer

ONE from:

Introduction to Evolution and Biodiversity
 Elective (incl. language)

SPRING

Understanding Earth
 Environmental Management and Sustainable Development
 Skills and Concepts in Geography II: Quantitative and Analytical Skills

ONE from:

Introduction to Ecology and Conservation
 Elective (incl. language)

YEAR 2

AUTUMN

Global Climate Change
 GIS
 Environmental Research Skills

ONE from:

Conservation Biology I
 Introduction to Sustainable Development
 Elective (incl. language)

SPRING

EITHER

Geography Field Class (30 or 15 credits)**
 Global Landscape Dynamics

ONE or TWO from:

Conservation Biology II
 Ice Age Earth
 Environmental Perspectives on Development
 Elective (including language)

OR

Study Abroad

***15 credits for SE England field class, 30 for overseas classes*

YEAR 3

AUTUMN/SPRING

Year-long Geography Thesis

THREE from:

Advances in Climate Sciences
 Animal-Plant Interactions
 Conservation in Practice
 Disasters, Environment and Development
 Geohazards and Risk Assessment

Global Environmental Change
 Global Food Security

Palaeoenvironments and Human Impact
 Permafrost and Environmental Change

Tropical Rainforests: Biogeography and Conservation
 Water and Development in the Global South

**These modules are running in the academic year 2019/20. We also plan to offer them in future academic years. They may become unavailable due to staff availability, student demand or updates to our curriculum.*

We'll make sure to let our applicants know of such changes to modules at the earliest opportunity.

A global approach

AMBITIOUS FIELD-CLASSES

You'll have access to an exciting selection of geography field-classes. In recent years we have offered students one of the most ambitious ranges of destinations of any geography department in the UK, led by academics with in-depth knowledge of the location who share their expertise and help enrich your knowledge. We've visited some of the world's most inspiring landscapes, including China, the Mojave Desert, Greece, Los Angeles, Dubai and of course Sussex itself. Students return with new understanding, fresh perspectives and friendships that will last a lifetime. For most students these field-classes are a highlight of their degree.

STUDY OR WORK ABROAD

Many of our students are keen to develop a truly global approach to their studies, something that is reflected in the range of study opportunities available to them. You can spend a term or a whole year studying geography in English at one of more than 140 overseas partner universities around the world. You can also undertake a professional placement abroad or in the UK. Investing time in the workplace will add to your skills and confidence and is a great opportunity to try out career options.



After your degree

According to recent data 98% of our students were in work or further study 6 months after graduating (Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education Survey 2017). Our graduates find careers in a diverse range of fields, from environmental management to social media. Their analytic, numeric and organisational skills enable them to undertake a wide range of roles including: environmental journalist, geomorphologist with the Environment Agency, programme manager with BBC Worldwide, geoinformation analyst with Shell Netherlands, managing a solar energy company, safe house manager with a charity for trafficked people and Countryside Officer with a county council.

“I couldn’t have worked on international climate change policy for the UK government without the inspiration and support I received from my lecturers at Sussex.”

**BRIONY COULSON
BSC GEOGRAPHY
NOW HEAD, OCEANS AND PLASTICS
POLLUTION, DEPARTMENT FOR ENERGY,
FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS**



Would you like to study abroad as part of your degree?

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Is It Possible To Create a more Humane World For The World?

A talk by Robert Harron on the Buddhist perspective of how to achieve a more peaceful and humane world.

Anthropology Departmental Seminar
Tuesday 15.00-17.00 in Arts C333

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Train to teach on a Sussex PGCE

Are you a recent graduate, or soon to graduate, with a 2:1 degree?

The University of Sussex offers a range of excellent opportunities for postgraduate students to gain valuable experience and develop their skills in a professional setting.

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The Keep Archive Centre

Discover more about the past

The Keep is a world-class archive of the University of Sussex, containing over 100 years of the University's history.



Geography is part of the School of Global Studies, which provides one of the UK's most focused centres of expertise for understanding how the world is changing. It offers a diverse range of perspectives on global issues, and staff and students who are actively engaged with international and local partners, contributing a distinctive perspective on global affairs.

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