Geography
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, landscape, 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 and because of this geographers are highly employable across a wide range of careers. Your geography degree will challenge and inspire you and can provide you with the knowledge and transferable skills to prepare you for an exciting career after graduation. Geography also gives you ‘cultural agility’ – a characteristic that was listed 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 you’ll join a welcoming, lively and successful department. You’ll be taught by research-active lecturers who are passionate about their subjects. In the latest Research Excellence Framework (2014) we were ranked 15th nationally, while our research came 1st for the outstanding reach and significance of its impacts. We have a fantastic staff to student ratio compared to most other geography departments across the UK, 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, and just an hour from London.
Shaping your Geography degree

You can study geography as either a single honours degree or as part of a joint honours degree, combined with another subject. Our single honours degree allows you to focus on the study of geography whilst taking modules from other subjects to help you provide a wider context eg 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 and international development or geography and anthropology. You can shape your degree 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.

Honours Degrees

You can also take advantage of our 4 year integrated MArts/MSci courses. Not only do you get an advanced level qualification but you get to study for a further year at an advanced level, gaining further employability, research and subject specific skills. Whatever route you decide upon, the course gives you as much flexibility and choice as possible.

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.
Your flexible course structure

You choose from a range of options that enable you to focus on your particular area of interest. To give you the best experience of study, we continually review and update our module list. For a comprehensive list and description of modules visit go.sussex.ac.uk/geography. Listings may be subject to change.

**BA GEOGRAPHY**

**YEAR 1**

**AUTUMN**
- Environmental Management and Sustainable Development
- Place, Space and Landscape
- Practising Geography

**SPRING**
- Environmental Management and Sustainable Development
- Place, Space and Landscape
- Elective (including language)

**YEAR 2**

**AUTUMN**
- Cultural Geographies
- Methods and Approaches in Human Geography
- Social Geography

**SPRING**
- Cultural Geographies
- Methods and Approaches in Human Geography
- Elective (including language)

**YEAR 3**

**AUTUMN**
- Environmental Management and Sustainable Development
- Practising Geography
- The Natural World

**SPRING**
- Environmental Risks and Hazards
- Introduction to Evolution and Biodiversity
- Place, Space and Landscape

**OR Study Abroad**

**BSC GEOGRAPHY**

**YEAR 1**

**AUTUMN**
- Global Climate Change
- Global Landscape Dynamics
- Environmental Research Skills

**SPRING**
- Environmental Risks and Hazards
- Introduction to Geology
- Quantitative and Analytical Skills

**YEAR 2**

**AUTUMN**
- Conservation Biology I
- Globalisation and Empire

**SPRING**
- Conservation Biology II
- Environmental Perspectives on Development
- GIS
- Ice Age Earth

**YEAR 3**

**SPRING**
- Global Environmental Change
- Global Food Security
- Globalisation and Geopolitics
- Population and Development
- Rural Livelihoods in the Global South
- Tropical Rainforests: Biogeography and Conservation
- Animal-Plant Interactions
- Conservation in Practice
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, India, the Seychelles, 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

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, social media specialist with Adobe, geomorphologist with the Environment Agency, programme manager with BBC Worldwide, TEFL teacher in Vietnam, 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 WORKING FOR DEFRA
(DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS)
The School of Global Studies 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.
CONTACT US

GEOGRAPHY
UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX
FALMER, BRIGHTON BN1 9SJ, UK
+44 (0)1273 877185
geography@sussex.ac.uk
sussex.ac.uk/geography