



Geography

Undergraduate Degrees 2026

# Geography is an *essential* subject for solving *global issues* of the 21st century.



Its unique approach of linking the physical and social sciences makes it the only subject capable of joined-up understanding of the planet, its people and their interactions. It moves learners beyond the lecture theatre, to think and act both globally and locally. Understand our planet – study geography!

Study the challenges facing the environment with our flexible degrees covering both human and physical geography. Take advantage of our unique location, near to the coast, areas of outstanding natural beauty and major urban centres and join us on some of our amazing international field courses.

Geography forms an integral part of Lancaster Environment Centre, an internationally recognised centre for research and teaching related to the environment. Being part of a multidisciplinary environment centre (with co-located companies and environment-related organisations to help build your career) means you can study topics from across the full breadth of the discipline of geography, all of which are taught by academics who are leading experts in their fields.










By joining us at Lancaster, you will become part of a broad community of like-minded students, academics, researchers and scientists working together to address today's biggest environmental challenges.



Director of Lancaster  
Environment Centre

**Professor Crispin Halsall**

We offer you a suite of flexible degree schemes and a diverse range of module choices to tailor your learning to your area of geographical interest. Our core Geography degrees provide the opportunity to study a blend of both natural and social sciences in a quest to solve issues of global significance. Human Geography allows you to specialise your studies into understanding how people interact with their environment and how they form communities, cultures and economies. Physical Geography allows you to specialise into the processes operating within our natural environment and to explore the physical world in depth. Geography and Economics provides an opportunity to draw on concepts from both disciplines to explore how society functions at the crux of these worldviews.

Degree title		Degree (Hons)	UCAS code	Course duration (years)	Typical A level offer
Geography		BA	L700	3	ABB
Geography (Placement Year)		BA	L704	4	ABB
Geography (Study Abroad)		BA	L705	4	AAB
Geography		BSc	F800	3	ABB
Geography (Placement Year)		BSc	F803	4	ABB
Geography (Study Abroad)		BSc	F804	4	AAB
Geography		MSci	4R61	4	AAB
Human Geography		BA	L720	3	ABB
Human Geography (Placement Year)		BA	L723	4	ABB
Human Geography (Study Abroad)		BA	L724	4	AAB
Physical Geography		BSc	F840	3	ABB
Physical Geography (Placement Year)		BSc	F841	4	ABB
Physical Geography (Study Abroad)		BSc	F848	4	AAB
Physical Geography		MSci	4R63	4	AAB
Geography and Economics		BA	LL71	3	AAB
Geography and Economics (Placement Year)		BA	LL72	4	AAB

 Study abroad available    Industry placement available

The table above shows our typical offer for A level students. See our website for alternative qualifications such as International Baccalaureate or BTEC. Geography at A level (or equivalent) is recommended. If you have not studied Geography, please see our website for details of other recommended subjects.







# Made for *learning*

**Study the challenges facing the environment with our flexible degrees covering both human and physical geography. Take advantage of our unique location, near to the coast, countryside, and major urban centres and join us on some of our amazing field courses.**

## **Flexible and interdisciplinary**

We believe that you will excel in your degree when exploring in-depth the areas of geography that you are particularly interested in. Your first year of study will give you the skills to succeed. From Year 2 you will further specialise, choosing to study the topics which fascinate you the most.

## **Practical study**

You won't just learn in lecture theatres at Lancaster! We place great emphasis on practical learning, whether that is conducting experiments in our new teaching labs, collecting data out in the field, or undertaking computer-based numerical modelling. Practical learning enables you to put theory into practice and understand the principles underpinning the topics you are studying, whilst also developing skills which will be of use throughout your degree and future career.

## **An environmental community**

The newly refurbished atrium in the heart of Lancaster Environment Centre forms a home for our community of high-achieving students, world-class environmental researchers, government scientists, and enterprises, working together to address today's biggest environmental challenges. The eco-friendly design of this space extends from the 100% recycled flooring, to the glazed roof, designed to reduce the need for lighting within this communal space. The LEC staff and student-run Sustainability Group has also influenced departmental catering policy as well as the departmental and University travel policy.

## **A supportive department**

We are friendly department and foster a highly supportive learning environment, making sure that you are fully supported to achieve your academic potential. This includes access to our Student Learning Developers, who offer workshops and advice on improving your academic skills, and also assigning you an Academic Tutor with whom you will meet regularly throughout your degree to discuss your academic progress. You will be supported with small group teaching and LEC's one-to-one academic tutor system.





**Ella, *final year***

### **BA Hons Geography**

I chose to study geography at Lancaster due to its varied modules, accommodating research staff, and state-of-the-art facilities. From the very beginning, I was looking for a degree that would not only align with my existing interests and strengths, but also push me to think critically and develop new skills. What really stood out to me about Lancaster was its balance between human and physical geography, allowing me to tailor my degree to suit my passions. The opportunity to explore contemporary issues from deep sea mining to creative and social geographies while engaging in independent research has been both intellectually stimulating and personally rewarding. The flexibility of the course, alongside the welcoming department community, has made my experience here genuinely fulfilling.



**in the UK for Geography and  
Environmental Studies**

**The Complete University**

**Guide 2025**



**Jessica, fourth year**  
BA Human Geography (Placement Year)

*Sustainability Specialist*

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*My placement gave me a variety of invaluable skills that I will take with me into my future job applications and working life.*

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*HE Simm Internship*

I am undertaking a Human Geography course and did my placement in corporate social responsibility at HE Simm, an engineering firm in Liverpool. For my placement role, I was in the Human Resources (HR) department and my responsibilities varied each week. However, my main ones included measuring the community impact of HE Simm, talking with sub-contractors about their own sustainability, working with a sustainable consultancy firm and researching the sustainable objectives of our clients.

The process of applying was made easy through the support of the LEC/ Faculty placement team. The placement team helped me throughout my application process and provided me with support when writing my CV, cover letter and preparing for interviews. During my placement, the Faculty placement team also stayed in contact and made sure I was enjoying myself and making progress. My placement year as a sustainability specialist at an engineering firm offered a unique opportunity to gain industry insights and understand real-world applications within the field.



# Gain *real-world* experience

## Placement year

Our placement year scheme provides you with support to secure a paid work placement during the third year of a four year degree scheme. You will experience up to twelve months working in the type of organisation that you might aspire to join when you graduate. The placement offers you the opportunity to work as a full-time employee of the organisation, with the same training and opportunities as other employees, whilst still receiving both academic and pastoral support from Lancaster University.

## Industry links

We give you the opportunity to enhance your CV throughout your degree. This is crucial in order to stand out in the graduate jobs market. Our in-house Enterprise and Business Partnerships team engages with hundreds of different businesses giving you invaluable experience of working alongside these organisations, including during your dissertation project.

## The place for the researcher

Renowned experts, at the forefront of their fields, are shaping our understanding of the world. Their work feeds into our degree programmes, ensuring that your education is informed by cutting-edge thinking. During your degree, you'll conduct your own independent research project where you'll benefit from the research experience of our internationally renowned staff and be exposed to the latest technology used in cutting-edge research laboratories.

To give you a flavour of the diversity of topics studied within LEC:

- + Dr Katie Miles conducts cutting-edge research into field-based glacier monitoring and radar detection;
- + Dr Giovanni Bettini's research offers a decolonial and justice perspective on digitised climate change adaption.



## Eco-Innovation

Eco-innovation is the development of new products, processes or services that support business growth with a positive environmental impact. This module will not only provide you with a knowledge of eco-innovation and how the concept relates to business opportunities, but you will also acquire the knowledge and skillset required to understand how organisations apply eco-innovation into their business planning. As a part of the module, you will learn how to create proposals for eco-innovation and prepare presentations for a panel of experts.

## Environmental volunteering

Our Green Lancaster scheme provides you with plenty of opportunities to become more sustainable and promote positive environmental choices. The many nature reserves near to Lancaster offer volunteering opportunities.

Within Lancaster Environment Centre, we also offer you volunteering opportunities, either with external partners specifically in the environment sector or as a research assistant in our own laboratories or research groups. You can even volunteer at our own Hazelrigg Weather Station.

# Learning on location

**We take full advantage of our natural surroundings to create amazing fieldwork experiences, in addition to the opportunities to travel the world with residential and overseas field courses. You'll gain hands-on experience of a wide range of environmental, ecological and geological situations that will place your studies in context.**

## **Cumbria**

The field course to Cumbria offers first year students the opportunity to see examples of rewilding of the landscape in situ. We'll learn about the processes and practices of rewilding alongside the politics of this live social issue. There'll be opportunities for hands-on investigation as students work in teams to learn new research skills and apply them in the outdoors.

## **Hebrides**

The second year field course 'Sustainable Hebrides' is an opportunity to explore the three pillars of economic, environmental and cultural sustainability in the context of rural island life. Students help to build this field course according to their own interests, enjoying a chance to learn more about these fascinating communities including the people, the landscape, their food, art and music, energy production, and the small businesses and voluntary organisations that sustain them.



## **Edinburgh and Glasgow**

The aim of this course is for you to actively and critically engage with the geography of the cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. In particular, you will explore the contested futures of these places, and how this process plays out in relation to topics like activism, national identity, ethnic diversity, housing and tourism. You will then be in a position to use your experiences and insights to inform your reading and understanding of the extensive existing academic literatures on these unique world cities. You will develop understanding of the cultural, economic, political and social processes that contribute the formation and differentiation of places, through both conceptual analysis and experiential and empirical fieldwork.

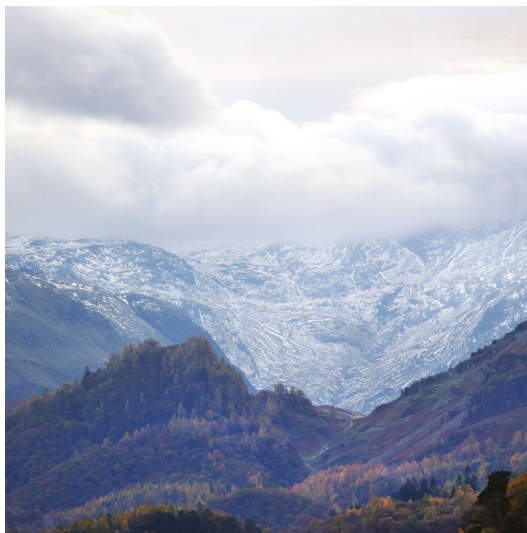




## Bali

This course focuses on the governance of dynamic and rapidly changing socio-ecological systems in tropical Southeast Asia – places often conceived as utopias. You will explore the concept of “utopia” and how it relates to environment and development challenges addressed by scholars across LEC, considering why they succeed or fail. We will visit a range of sites that reflect a continuum of different management trajectories. Through these cases, we will explore related trade-offs and approaches to natural resource management. There will be opportunities to engage with different stakeholders, including policy makers, tourists and local farmers, to explore their differing views of utopia and preferred development and conservation trajectories, and their implications for society and the biophysical landscape. This is a multidisciplinary trip that will be of interest to natural and social science students alike, and will press you to engage literature, concepts, methods and assignments from areas outside the experiences of your degree and worldview.

The field courses that you take will depend on your degree course and choice of modules. Please visit: [lancaster.ac.uk/geography](http://lancaster.ac.uk/geography) for full details.



# Your global *experience*

**Lancaster is a truly international university, with students and staff from over 100 different countries and partner institutions around the world. Your global experience is about living and learning with people from different cultures whether through your course, your college or your Students' Union.**

## **Study abroad**

Broaden your academic horizons by spending a year studying abroad in either North America or Australasia. You'll study similar modules to those available in Lancaster while gaining an understanding of a different culture and society. For those studying the BA/BSc you will spend Year 3 overseas, returning to Lancaster to complete your degree in Year 4. BA Human Geography students will have the opportunity to take an optional language pathway including a year abroad.

Visit [lancaster.ac.uk/study-abroad](https://lancaster.ac.uk/study-abroad) to see a full list of the overseas institutions with whom we currently have a partnership arrangement.

## **Vacation travel**

Alternatively, there are often shorter options in the Easter or summer vacation to destinations such as China, Germany, Ghana, India, and Malaysia. These programmes include meeting local students and businesses as well as some academic study and cultural discovery. You may also be able to attend a summer school at one of our many overseas partner universities.

Find out more at [lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience](https://lancaster.ac.uk/your-global-experience).

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*My year abroad proved to be academically enriching and personally unforgettable, offering a wealth of opportunities that broadened my horizons.*

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McGill University, Canada

Lancaster University



Anna, fourth year  
MArts Geography  
(Study Abroad)

I had the opportunity to complete my study abroad year at McGill University in Montreal. The range of modules offered at McGill University was extensive, and gave me the opportunity to develop my interest in urban planning much more due to their large department. The unique classes offered at McGill University also allowed me to develop a huge interest in new master-planned cities, which I have now decided to complete my dissertation on. Attending classes in Montreal also gave me a vast amount of knowledge of Canadian history and Quebecois culture.

I was welcomed by such a friendly community of other exchange students, and the wide range of classes allowed me to make lifelong friends with people all over the world. The proximity of Montreal to the USA allowed me to go on the most memorable road trip in the height of autumn, making our way through 4 different states. Travelling to Mont Megantic National Park in the -25°C winter, as well as to Banff and Vancouver island with my other exchange friends was definitely the highlight of the year. The resilience I gained during my study abroad, as well as the ability to adapt to a new culture, is definitely something that will stay with me forever.



# Geography

## BA Hons

**Given the pace at which our planet is changing, there has never been a more important time to study geography. Explore the full range of human and environmental issues tackled by modern geographers, with an emphasis on human society and the impacts social systems have in the modern world.**

You will study six modules per year in Year 1 and Year 2. In Year 3 you will complete your dissertation and choose an additional four option modules.

In the first year, you will take both human and physical geography modules, covering an introduction to a broad range of foundational topics in both parts of the discipline. You will develop the technical and subject-appropriate skills to develop your understanding and engage with academic research as well as beginning to learn how to conduct your own studies with people, in the field and in the lab. You can choose between studying only geography in Year 1, or exchanging one physical geography module for an additional module from Politics.

In second year, you will study geography modules including both human and physical geography, with an emphasis on human geography modules. Topics in the second year extend and deepen the subject areas you will have been introduced to in the first year, drawing more closely on the specific research expertise of the academics teaching you. Core modules will focus on practical work, giving you a range of analytical and research project skills. Optional modules will include some exciting field courses. The optional modules available to you may depend on prior completion of specific modules.

In third year, you will undertake an individual dissertation project, whilst also being offered further module choices. Throughout your degree, considerable emphasis is placed on enhancing your employability.

This programme has been accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

### Year 1

#### Core Modules

##### Foundation Skills for LEC

Learn to access, evaluate, and present research, and visualise data, to support your studies and enhance your academic and professional development.

##### Global Human Geography

Gain foundational knowledge in development, environmental, and economic geography while building skills in field interviews, literature reviews, and academic writing.

##### Reading the Landscape

Explore how landscapes form and evolve through geology, climate, and environmental processes. Fieldwork teaches interpretation of landscape features and their dynamic development over time.

##### Introducing Research in Geography

Get stuck in to a research project on the contentious social and environmental merits of Rewilding - and the challenges of returning the land to 'nature' - including a residential field course to Cumbria.

##### Society and Place

Develop foundational knowledge in social, cultural, and political geography with skills in visual data analysis, presentations, and exams.

#### Optional modules currently include

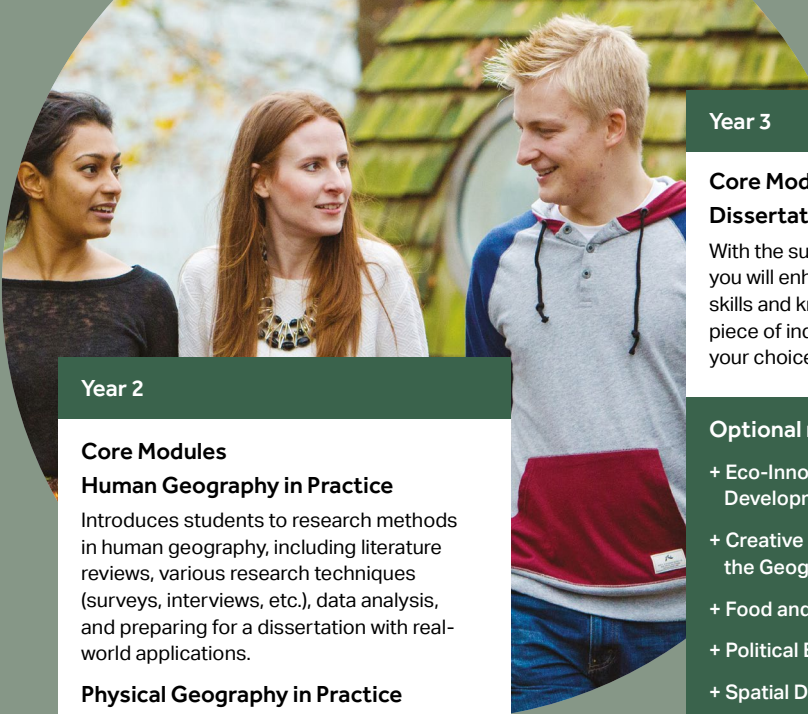
- + Biodiversity and Global Change
- + Atmosphere, Weather and Climate
- + Policy Lab
- + Political Theory in a Troubled World

#### Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future.

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## Year 2

### Core Modules

#### Human Geography in Practice

Introduces students to research methods in human geography, including literature reviews, various research techniques (surveys, interviews, etc.), data analysis, and preparing for a dissertation with real-world applications.

#### Physical Geography in Practice

Develops hands-on experience with environmental research methods including observation, fieldwork, lab analysis, modelling, and big data analysis, with a focus on scientific reporting and research design.

#### Geographical Data Science

Mastering Geographical Information Systems (GIS) will enable you to analyse and visualise spatial data for a wide range of decision-making and communication applications.

### Optional modules currently include

- + Political and Economic Geography
- + Environmental Geography
- + Glaciology
- + Ecology and Conservation
- + Sustainable Hebrides: Field Course
- + Cultural and Social Geography
- + Geography, Development and the Majority World
- + Living with the Landscape
- + Atmospheric Science

## Year 3

### Core Modules

#### Dissertation

With the support of an academic supervisor, you will enhance and demonstrate your skills and knowledge through a substantial piece of independent research on a topic of your choice.

### Optional modules currently include

- + Eco-Innovation for Sustainable Development
- + Creative Geographies: Place, Space and the Geographies of Imagination
- + Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century
- + Political Ecology
- + Spatial Data Analysis
- + Interdisciplinary Conservation Science
- + Climate Change
- + Governing Socio-Ecological Systems in Tropical Asia Field Course
- + Geographies of Transformation in the Global South
- + Health Geographies
- + Challenging Cities in the 21st Century
- + The Politics of Urban Futures: Field Course
- + Cryosphere in a Changing Climate
- + Managing the Energy Transition



# Geography

## BSc Hons

**Geography is a distinctive subject; you will learn about the Earth's landscapes, species, places, and environment in a broad discipline that merges natural and social sciences.**

You will study six modules per year in Year 1 and Year 2. In Year 3 you will complete your dissertation and choose an additional four option modules. In your first year, you will be introduced to human, physical and environmental geography. You will develop technical skills in field and lab research, and research with people, along with the academic skills in reading and writing you will need to succeed in your degree. As a BSc Geographer, you will have the option of splitting your first year 50/50 between human and physical geography modules, or beginning to specialise through choosing a module from environmental science. This flexibility allows you to tailor your studies to your area of interest, whilst keeping a broad outlook.

In second year, you will have access to more specialist option modules. You will continue to have a choice over splitting your study 50/50 between human and physical geography and taking a majority of physical geography or environmental science modules. Core modules will focus on practical work, giving you a range of analytical and research project skills. From second year onwards, optional modules will include a chance for learning based on the research specialisms of the Lancaster Environment Centre staff including field course options. The optional modules available to you may depend on prior completion of specific modules.

In third year, you will undertake an individual dissertation project, whilst also being offered further module choices. Throughout your degree, considerable emphasis is placed on enhancing your employability.

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### Year 1

#### Core Modules

##### Foundation Skills for LEC

Learn to access, evaluate, and present research, and visualise data, to support your studies and enhance your academic and professional development.

##### Global Human Geography

Gain foundational knowledge in development, environmental, and economic geography while building skills in field interviews, literature reviews, and academic writing.

##### Reading the Landscape

Explore how landscapes form and evolve through geology, climate, and environmental processes. Fieldwork teaches interpretation of landscape features and their dynamic development over time.

##### Introducing Research in Geography

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#### Optional modules currently include

- + Society and Place
- + Biodiversity and Global Change
- + Atmosphere, Weather and Climate

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### Core Modules

#### Human Geography in Practice

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#### Physical Geography in Practice

Develops hands-on experience with environmental research methods including observation, fieldwork, lab analysis, modelling, and big data analysis, with a focus on scientific reporting and research design.

#### Geographical Data Science

Mastering Geographical Information Systems (GIS) will enable you to analyse and visualize spatial data for a wide range of decision-making and communication applications.

### Optional modules currently includes

- + Political and Economic Geography
- + Environmental Geography
- + Glaciology
- + Ecology and Conservation
- + Sustainable Hebrides: Field Course
- + Cultural and Social Geography
- + Geography, Development and the Majority World
- + Living with the Landscape
- + Atmospheric Science

## Year 3

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- + Cryosphere in a Changing Climate
- + Managing the Energy Transition

# Human Geography

## BA Hons

**With a unique blend of social sciences and humanities, gain first-hand experience of the ways in which people interact with their environment and how they form communities, cultures and economies. Study a diverse range of modules that are developed and taught by our world-class academics who are leading experts in human and environmental geography.**

You will study six modules per year in Year 1 and Year 2. In Year 3 you will complete your dissertation and choose an additional four option modules. The optional modules available to you may depend on prior completion of specific modules.

In the first year, you will study core human geography and geographical skills modules, developing a broad understanding of human geography and its research methods and approaches. Alongside human geography you can choose selected modules from Politics, International Relations and the School of Global Affairs. This includes the opportunity to continue studying, or take up from scratch, a modern language. In the second year, you will take core modules that focus on human geography skills and concepts alongside specialist human geography modules delivered by discipline experts. You can continue with a modern language if you studied one in first year. In the third year you will undertake a dissertation project, guided by your academic supervisor, which offers a chance to perform original geographical research on a human geography topic of your choice. Those returning from their Placement or Study Abroad year will spend the fourth year completing the module structure for Year 3.

### Year 1

#### Core Modules

##### Foundation Skills for LEC

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##### Global Human Geography

Gain foundational knowledge in development, environmental, and economic geography while building skills in field interviews, literature reviews, and academic writing.

##### Introducing Research in Geography

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##### Society and Place

Develop foundational knowledge in social, cultural, and political geography with skills in visual data analysis, presentations, and exams.

#### Optional modules currently include

+ Language from School of Global Affairs  
(Language choices are: French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese or Arabic)

+ Modules from Dept. of Politics, Philosophy and Religion

#### Enhancing your curriculum

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## Year 2

### Core Modules

#### Human Geography in Practice

Introduces students to research methods in human geography, including literature reviews, various research techniques (surveys, interviews, etc.), data analysis, and preparing for a dissertation with real-world applications.

#### Optional modules currently include

- + Political and Economic Geography
- + Environmental Geography
- + Geographical Data Science
- + Sustainable Hebrides: Field Course
- + Cultural and Social Geography
- + Geography, Development and the Majority World

## Year 3

### Core Modules

#### Dissertation

With the support of an academic supervisor, you will enhance and demonstrate your skills and knowledge through a substantial piece of independent research on a topic of your choice.

#### Optional modules currently include

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- + Managing the Energy Transition





# Physical Geography

## BSc Hons

**Learn about processes operating within our natural environment and explore the physical world, whilst working in our outstanding practical facilities alongside world-renowned lecturers.**

Physical geography considers the processes and patterns occurring within our natural environment, including the atmosphere, hydrosphere, biosphere, and geosphere. Lancaster proves to be an exceptional location for studying a degree in physical geography. You will gain a wealth of hands-on experience with our exciting field courses.

You will study six modules per year in Year 1 and Year 2. In Year 3 you will complete your dissertation and choose an additional four option modules. The optional modules available to you may depend on prior completion of specific modules.

In the first year, you will study core physical geography, environmental science and skills modules, allowing you to develop a broad understanding of research and fieldwork in the environment. You'll be taught in lecture theatres, around campus, and further afield, gaining experience learning from, and working alongside, experienced researchers. In the second year, you will have opportunities to deepen your understanding through access to a broader range of option modules form physical geography and environmental science, including a UK-based residential field course addressing the complex challenge of rural sustainability. In the third year you will undertake a dissertation project, guided by your academic supervisor and have the opportunity to access a broad range of interdisciplinary modules offered through Physical Geography, Environmental Science, Earth Science and Ecology and Conservation.

### Year 1

#### Core Modules

##### Foundation Skills for LEC

Learn to access, evaluate, and present research, and visualise data, to support your studies and enhance your academic and professional development.

##### Reading the Landscape

Explore how landscapes form and evolve through geology, climate, and environmental processes. Fieldwork teaches interpretation of landscape features and their dynamic development over time.

##### Introducing Research in Geography

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##### Biodiversity and Global Change

Explore biodiversity patterns, threats, and conservation solutions across ecosystems, focusing on evolutionary and ecological processes and evidence-based interventions.

##### Atmosphere, Weather and Climate

Understand weather processes and long-term climate change through theory and observations to appreciate the impact humans have had on atmospheric structure, climate systems and feedbacks.

#### Optional modules currently include

+ Geology

+ Catchment Science

#### Enhancing your curriculum

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## Year 2

### Core Modules

#### Physical Geography in Practice

Develops hands-on experience with environmental research methods including observation, fieldwork, lab analysis, modelling, and big data analysis, with a focus on scientific reporting and research design.

#### Geographical Data Science

Mastering Geographical Information Systems (GIS) will enable you to analyse and visualise spatial data for a wide range of decision-making and communication applications.

#### Living with the Landscape

Learn how water, sediment, and nutrient flows interact with natural and human systems across landscapes, stressing sustainable land-use and integrated resource management.

### Optional modules currently include

- + Glaciology
- + Ecology and Conservation
- + Practical Geoscience
- + Hydrology and Water Quality
- + Sustainable Hebrides: Field Course
- + Soil Science
- + Atmospheric Science

## Year 3

### Core Modules

#### Dissertation

With the support of an academic supervisor, you will enhance and demonstrate your skills and knowledge through a substantial piece of independent research on a topic of your choice.

### Optional modules currently include

- + Eco-Innovation for Sustainable Development
- + Spatial Data Analysis
- + Interdisciplinary Conservation Science
- + Climate Change
- + Environmental Pollution: Management and Remediation
- + Environmental Geophysics
- + The Earth's Interior
- + Water Resources Management
- + Governing Socio-Ecological Systems in Tropical Asia Field Course
- + Cryosphere in a Changing Climate
- + Sustainable Agriculture
- + Geological Hazards
- + Volcanic Processes Field Course
- + Managing the Energy Transition



# Geography and Economics

## BA Hons

**Studying geography provides a global perspective on issues facing humanity. Link your geography degree with economics to provide a global perspective on issues of economy.**

This degree is divided between both Geography and Economics, enabling students to study the intersection of both these disciplines. You'll be taught jointly by academic staff in the quadruple-accredited Lancaster University Management School and the award-winning Lancaster Environment Centre. Through studying economics and geography, you will acquire an incisive perspective and analytical skills that are greatly valued by employers in many fields, including corporate planning, economic consultancy, the financial sector and the civil service.

You will take modules from human geography and economics alongside skills-based modules that will support you in developing the understanding and competencies you'll need to succeed in your degree. You will study six modules per year. In the first year this will include an introduction to areas of geography such as economic, political, development and cultural geography alongside introduction to macro- and microeconomics. In the second year, you will deepen your understanding across the two disciplines, exploring the ways in which the approaches challenge and strengthen one another through studying topics such as Economic Geography and Development Geography alongside further study in micro- and macroeconomics. You will be able to take optional modules from both human geography and economics, with the option to prioritise human geography or economic geography. The option to prioritise one or other discipline continues into the third year.

### Enhancing your curriculum

We continually review and enhance our course curricula to ensure we are delivering the best possible learning experience, and to make sure that the subject knowledge and transferable skills you develop will prepare you for your future.

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## Year 1

### Core Modules

#### Foundation Skills for LEC

Learn to access, evaluate, and present research, and visualise data, to support your studies and enhance your academic and professional development.

#### Global Human Geography

Gain foundational knowledge in development, environmental, and economic geography while building skills in field interviews, literature reviews, and academic writing.

#### Introducing Research in Geography

Get stuck in to a research project on the contentious social and environmental merits of Rewilding - and the challenges of returning the land to 'nature' - including a residential field course to Cumbria.

#### Society and Place

Develop foundational knowledge in social, cultural, and political geography with skills in visual data analysis, presentations, and exams.

#### Principles of Microeconomics

You will receive a thorough introduction to microeconomics, which is the analysis of Economics at the level of the individual or firm. The topics you will cover include the theory of demand and supply, costs and pricing under various forms of market structure, and welfare economics.

#### Principles of Macroeconomics

This module provides a comprehensive introduction to macroeconomics, which involves the study of economics at an aggregate level. We will cover various topics, including national income analysis, monetary theory, business cycles, inflation, unemployment, and the great macroeconomic debates.

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## Year 2

### Core Modules

#### Microeconomic Analysis

This module provides you with a rigorous understanding of microeconomic principles that underpin sophisticated economic analysis and prepares you for further studies in economics. You will explore key microeconomic concepts including utility maximisation, profit maximisation, cost minimisation, market structures, externalities, information economics, public goods, general equilibrium theory, and welfare economics.

#### Macroeconomic Analysis

In this module you will extend the knowledge of macroeconomics that you developed in your first year. Although the primary focus of the module is on macroeconomic theory, this is taught within the context of current events in the international macroeconomic environment.

#### Geography, Development and the Majority World

Examine the contrasting discourses and paradigms of the Majority World to explore climate change in the global South, gender equality, food sovereignty movements, urban transformations and the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### Political and Economic Geography

Make sense of power and space in the interaction between political and economic engagements, which result in the uneven distribution of wealth and prevents coordinated action on climate change.

#### Optional modules currently include

- + Environmental Geography
- + Geographical Data Science
- + Sustainable Hebrides: Field Course
- + Cultural and Social Geography
- + Introduction to Econometrics
- + Environmental Economics
- + Economic Inequality

## Year 3

### Core Modules

#### Writing Geography and Economics

Working with a supervisor, you will produce an extended piece of independent writing, addressing a topic at the intersection of human geography and economics.

#### Current Issues in Economics

This module is designed to promote independent learning and allow you to apply the knowledge and skills from your degree to understand and analyse contemporary policy issues. You will be able to independently produce both written and verbal reports on current policy topics that are accessible to policymakers and senior managers in both the private and public sectors.

#### Optional modules currently include

- + Eco-Innovation for Sustainable Development
- + Food and Agriculture in the 21st Century
- + Political Ecology
- + Spatial Data Analysis
- + Interdisciplinary Conservation Science
- + Governing Socio-Ecological Systems in Tropical Asia Field Course
- + Geographies of Transformation in the Global South
- + Health Geographies
- + Challenging Cities in the 21st Century
- + Managing the Energy Transition
- + Labour and Health Economics
- + Development Economics
- + Global Macroeconomic Policy
- + International Trade and Business

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**Ben Teague**

BA Geography graduate

During my undergraduate degree at Lancaster, I developed an interest in how we create and shape urban environments and how issues such as the climate crisis and inequality can be solved through these processes. This inspired me to pursue a career within the field of urban planning!

After I graduated, I secured a job at a planning consultancy in North Wales. During my time there, I worked on a variety of projects ranging from household developments to major schemes for the commercial industry. In December 2021, I moved into the public sector as a Planning Officer for Chester Council. I've had the opportunity to take part in outreach events at local primary schools, running activities on town planning as part of their geography syllabus. This has allowed me to put into practice some of the teaching skills I acquired through modules within my degree, as well as convey my interest in the urban environment to others!



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# Your future career

**A geography degree doesn't just equip you with subject-specific knowledge but also a combination of transferable skills, including problem-solving and critical thinking, making geographers some of the most employable graduates. We offer you a wealth of opportunities during your studies at Lancaster to enhance your employability.**

## Dedicated careers support

Within the department, you will receive careers-focused support from your academic tutor, who will invite you to one-to-one meetings to discuss future plans for work or study. Lancaster Environment Centre also offers a range of events including lunchtime talks from a broad variety of employers interested in geography graduates. Lancaster University's dedicated Careers Service are also here to support you. From helping you identify the types of career you'd like to explore to ensuring you are well prepared for interviews and assessment centres, they are able to offer you tailored and personalised support.

## Internship opportunities

Our Faculty of Science and Technology internship programme gives you the opportunity to obtain high quality, relevant work experience that will help you stand out when applying for graduate jobs. They will help you to really accelerate your development of vital sector-specific and transferable skills. Full-time, 2-3-month summer internship opportunities are available from July to September. Part-time internships are available all year round at varying durations to fit around your academic requirements.

## Graduate destinations

Our recent graduates have moved into a diverse range of roles, across a variety of different sectors, including:

- Civil Service (Fast Track)
- GIS Officer
- Process Capability Graduate
- Climate Change Engagement Officer
- Flood Risk Analyst
- Sustainability Consultant
- Graduate Hydrological Modeller
- Ethical Trade Officer
- Low Carbon Sector Advisor
- Data Analytics Associate
- Energy Specialist
- Urban Planning Officer

Our graduates find that their analytical and organisational skills, plus their ability to achieve insights into problems, are greatly valued by employers in many other areas including in teaching and education, business and management, and marketing and communications.





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