



# Geography

## Facts about a Geography Degree:

The University of Manitoba Human Geography Program provides students with the opportunity to focus in one of three academic streams:

- Environment, Health, and Society (EHS). Students in this stream have the opportunity to develop a critical understanding of the consequences of environmental change at local to global levels to human health and wellbeing.
- Global Politics, Justice, and Sustainability (GPS). This stream offers a global scale, integrated assessment of the links between the ecological, economic, socio-cultural and political systems that combine to shape the world in which we live.
- Indigenous Peoples and the North (IPN). This stream emphasizes social, economic, environmental, and political geographies that are critically important to the future wellbeing of a Canada that is inclusive of its First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples, and supportive of the rights of Indigenous Peoples around the world.

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## Areas of Employment

- Municipal, Provincial & Federal government
- Community economic development agencies
- City/Regional planning firms
- Social & community service organizations
- Parks / recreation departments
- International development organizations
- Educational institutions
- Cultural resource management agencies
- Transportation planning departments
- Agricultural/Environmental consulting firms
- Travel and tourism industry
- Environmental boards and commissions
- Environmental non-governmental organizations (ENGO's)
- Scientific foundations & policy institutes

# What Can I Do with a Geography Degree?

## Sample Job Titles

- Demographer (census/population data analyst, pollster)
- Immigration officer
- Regional/Community development officer
- Census geographer
- Location/Resource analyst
- Social impact analyst\*
- Infrastructure coordinator
- Foreign service officer
- Property Management Specialist
- Tourism development officer
- Research assistant
- Customs/border services officer
- Community sustainability programs manager
- Disaster response manager\*
- Housing specialist/policy planner
- Travel counsellor/consultant
- Personnel/recruitment officer
- Academic advisor
- Environmental/land use planner
- Market research assistant
- International aid/development officer
- Social program coordinator/officer
- Population health analyst
- Intelligence Officer (RCMP, military, CSIS)

\* This job may require additional education, specific coursework, technical training or a graduate degree.

## Skills Possessed by Geography Graduates

Many employers are interested in the skills possessed by Human Geography graduates, including their ability to:

- understand and communicate how human societies, cultures, and economies work, and how human systems are interdependent with each other and with natural and earth systems
- determine how people make sense of the world around them, by giving places meaning and making a sense of place for themselves, their families, and their communities
- explore, map, survey, and analyze spatial information about populations and places in order to make sense of environmental patterns, processes, and dynamics at multiple scales, from local to global
- produce robust and compelling research about the social, political, and economic implications of Canada's place in the world and role in world affairs
- promote environmental values and citizenship and protect Canada's environmental heritage as both a resource for human wellbeing and important contributor to the global ecosystem
- characterize the sources, mechanisms, and consequences of social and environmental injustices in order to support collective action

## Resources

**University of Manitoba Career Services** - Check our website at: [www.umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices](http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices)  
Click on "**Career Connect**" and register as a Student to view current job postings

**University of Manitoba | Exploring Occupations**

<https://umanitoba.ca/career-services/career-planning/explore-occupations>

**University of Manitoba | B.A. Geography Program**

<https://umanitoba.ca/explore/programs-of-study/geography-ba>

**Environmental Careers Organization Canada** | [www.eco.ca](http://www.eco.ca)

**Canadian Association of Geographers - Resources** | [www.cag-acg.ca/student-resources](http://www.cag-acg.ca/student-resources)

**Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources | Alumni Profiles**

<https://umanitoba.ca/environment-earth-resources/alumni-profiles>

**Career Jet** | [www.careerjet.ca/geography-degree-jobs.html](http://www.careerjet.ca/geography-degree-jobs.html)