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Civil engineer
Digital cartographer
Environmental engineer
Geological engineer
Graphics editor
Landscape architect
Mapping technician
Photogrammetrist
Remote sensing technician
Research geographer
Surveyor
Urban designer

POLICY & PLANNING

Congressional staffer
Congressional representative
Cultural resources manager
Geospatial analyst
Demographer
Economic development director
City planner
Community development director
Public historian
Regional planner
National Park Service ranger
Novelist
Public relations specialist
Science journalist
Tour guide
Travel agent
Writer/researcher
Meteorologist

International development specialist
Legislative director
Lobbyist
Policy consultant
State representative
Transportation manager

PUBLIC HEALTH

Emergency management specialist
GIS analyst
Environmental health inspector
Epidemiologist
Medical geographer
Medical specialist

Hazards analyst
Science advisor
Sustainability director

COMMUNICATION

Communications specialist
Community organizer
Interpreter/translator
Journalist
Cultural education specialist

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Agricultural scientist
Arborist
Biogeographer
Biologist
Conservation manager
Engineering geologist
Environmental scientist
Forest ecologist
Geoarcheologist
USGS Geographer
Geologist
Geophysicist
Hydrologist
Oceanographer
Park manager
Seismic interpreter
Soil scientist
Water quality scientist
Water resources manager
Wetlands ecologist
Wildlife ecologist

WEATHER & CLIMATE SCIENCE

Atmospheric scientist
Climate change analyst
Climatologist
Oceanographer
Weatherization technician

EDUCATION

Academic advisor
Admissions counselor
Environmental educator
Museum outreach coordinator
Outdoor education specialist
Primary school teacher
Professor
Secondary school teacher
Writer/researcher

Border patrol agent
General counsel
Land use lawyer
Law enforcement officer
Public safety analyst
Real estate lawyer

LAW

Environmental lawyer

BUSINESS

Intelligence officer
Location analyst
Market analyst
Market researcher

GIS specialist
Spatial data analyst

Partnerships director
Real estate agent
Real estate appraiser

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DIGITAL SCIENCES

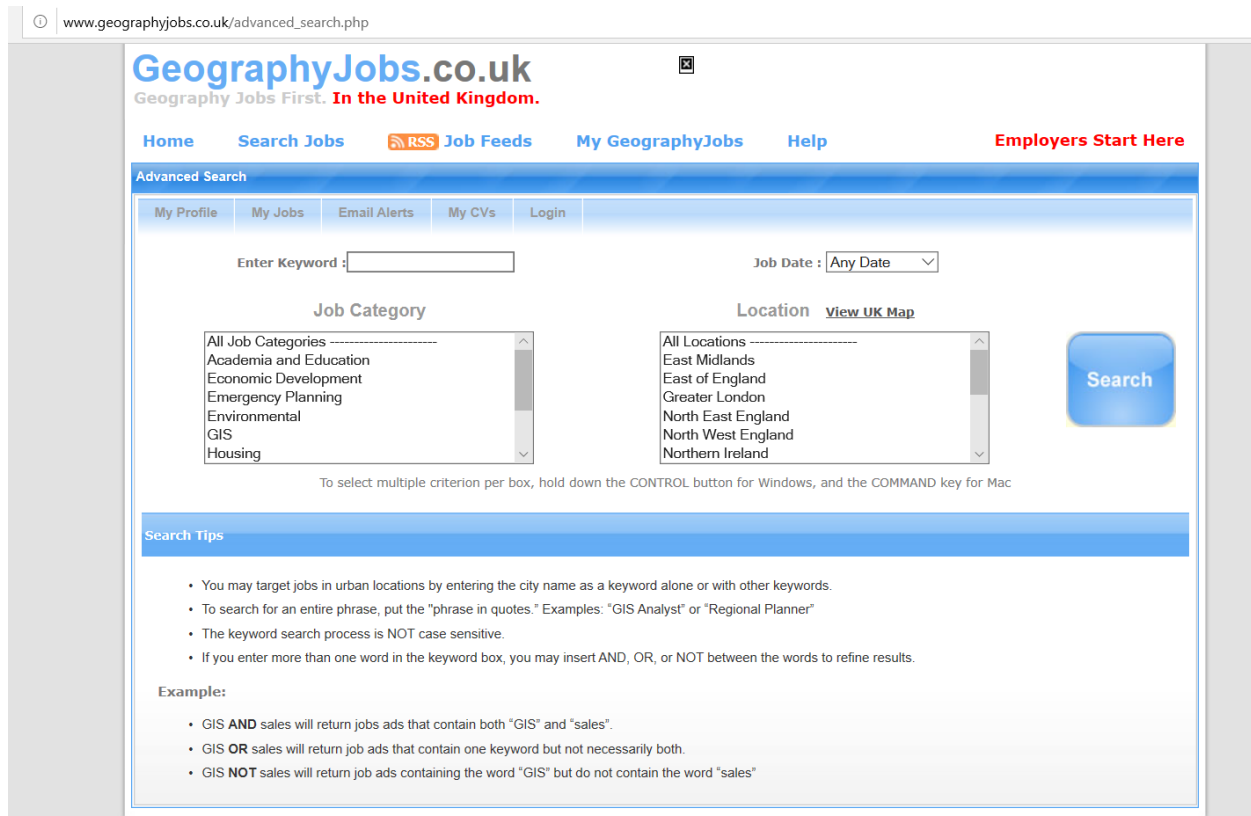
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G E O G R A P H Y

Where to find job adverts for careers using Geography qualifications?

Many of the types of jobs listed on the previous page will be advertised on online platforms of broadsheet newspapers such as The Guardian, on job recruitment websites or on websites linked to companies that specialise in these areas e.g. accountancy firms or the Department for International Development

There is also a dedicated website for Geography jobs searching which combines key skills you want to focus on to refine your job searching. It's called www.geographyjobs.co.uk



www.geographyjobs.co.uk/advanced_search.php

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Job Category

- Academia and Education
- Economic Development
- Emergency Planning
- Environmental
- GIS
- Housing

Location [View UK Map](#)

- East Midlands
- East of England
- Greater London
- North East England
- North West England
- Northern Ireland

To select multiple criterion per box, hold down the CONTROL button for Windows, and the COMMAND key for Mac

Search Tips

- You may target jobs in urban locations by entering the city name as a keyword alone or with other keywords.
- To search for an entire phrase, put the "phrase in quotes." Examples: "GIS Analyst" or "Regional Planner"
- The keyword search process is NOT case sensitive.
- If you enter more than one word in the keyword box, you may insert AND, OR, or NOT between the words to refine results.

Example:

- GIS AND sales will return jobs ads that contain both "GIS" and "sales".
- GIS OR sales will return job ads that contain one keyword but not necessarily both.
- GIS NOT sales will return job ads containing the word "GIS" but do not contain the word "sales"

Geography degrees:

What to study at A Level to lead into studying Geography at University? Any subject! Geography can be classed as both a scientific subject (including being counted as a science for medical degree entry) and a humanities/arts subject. This is because of its diverse nature covering scientific aspects of physical geography and sociological aspects such as development, population growth and features of globalisation. There are some subjects that go really well alongside Geography at A Level. These include:

Biology

Mathematics

Sociology

Politics

English

Tourism

Business Studies

Where are the best places to study Geography at degree level?

All of the leading universities in the UK have geography degrees on offer, but according to the Complete University Guide, the top 10 best places to study Geography are as follows:

1st Cambridge

2nd London School of Economics

3rd Durham

3rd Oxford

5th University College London

6th Bristol

7th Edinburgh

8th Royal Holloway, University of London

8th St Andrews

10th Dundee

You can check the entry requirements for these courses (and many others!) on www.ucas.com

What do people who study geography go on to do?

Geography graduates are seen as employable due to their combination of transferrable skills including problem-solving and critical thinking.

It is also likely that geography graduates are taking up graduate roles that may appear more loosely related to the subject. Nearly one-fifth find work in business, finance and human resources, and more than 10 per cent go into marketing, public relations and sales.

Slightly more are employed in clerical work, while more and more are going into education, engineering and building.

Some graduates go on to work as town planners, cartographers, surveyors, environmental consultants and campaigners, travel agents, emergency planners, landscape architects and meteorologists.

Many graduates find third-sector work for non-governmental organisations, such as the many specialising in development, poverty and climate change, while others pursue careers in journalism, local government, the Civil Service and utility companies.

Career specific websites

Meteorology - Careers related to meteorology are covered in detail at the new website of the [Royal Meteorological Society](#) which also includes a range of other materials for teachers.

Surveying - Surveying is a job which involves a range of 'geographical' skills and the use of modern mapping techniques and data gathering. To find out more, visit the [Become a Surveyor](#) website which has case studies of people who moved into the profession such as Debbie Baxter (see the [Careers Cards](#) page). Visiting speakers can also be organised for schools.

Planning - The [Royal Town Planning Institute](#) have some useful resources on careers in planning. Their Future Planners initiative is an exciting programme that aims to raise awareness of and foster interest in planning with school students generally aged 11-18.

National Parks - Find out about the various roles available within the [UK National Park Authorities](#) including ranger, planner, archaeologist, education team, sustainable development advisor and GIS officer.

The Built Environment - Careers in the built environment include architecture, engineering, horticulture, landscape, planning, surveying and urban design. The [Design Council](#) places design at the heart of creating value by stimulating innovation in business and public services, improving our built environment and tackling complex social issues such as ageing and obesity.

Homes and Communities - [Ask: what if](#) is an excellent careers website developed by the Homes and Communities Academy. It provides a wealth of information about careers categorised under people, design, environment, buildings, places, creative, managing, caring, neighbourhood and planning. Dozens of jobs are described in detail including skills and qualifications required, typical duties and standard salaries. It also features 'expert profiles' which include personal stories and video diaries.

Scientific Careers - [Science So What](#) features some useful information on scientific jobs, many of which have clear links with geography.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths - [Future Morph](#) has been designed to demonstrate the variety of careers these subjects can lead to.

GreenJobs - A job board wholly dedicated to recruitment in the green industry sector and it displays the latest [Geography jobs](#) and [GIS Jobs](#) in the United Kingdom and Internationally.

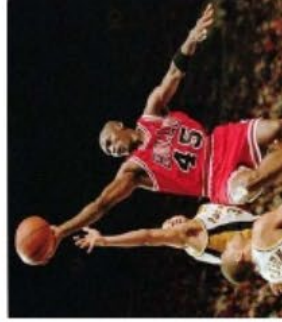
Famous people who studied geography

Theresa May, former UK prime minister, and the Duke of Cambridge are just two famous figures who have studied geography. Others include Immanuel Kant, the philosopher; Alexander von Humboldt, the naturalist and explorer; Hugh Dennis, the comedian; and television presenter Chris Tarrant.

Top athletes have also graduated in the subject, including Michael Jordan the basketball player; Olympic gold medal-winning rowers Sir Matthew Pinsent and James Cracknell; and former England rugby player Rob Andrew. Anita Roddick, the founder of the Body Shop, and David Harvey, the geographer and anthropologist, also hold degrees in the subject.

Famous Geographers!

Follow in the footsteps of these famous Geographers!



Are you
the next
one?