

# Geography

BA [Hons] [NFQ Level 8]



## BA Degree [Joint Honours] **BAU1**

Length of Course 3 Years

### Guideline Entry Requirements

(please note, successful candidates generally present with grades well in excess of the minimum grades indicated below)

**IB - International Baccalaureate Diploma** IB Total 26  
A high level of English language competency is normally required

**Cambridge A Level (+ GCSE O Level)** BCC  
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**Other Examinations** For country specific information see page 157

**UCD International Foundation Year** No



UCD Geography students exploring the urban environment.

## Choosing Geography

Please note there is also a professional path towards a qualification in town planning, which combines Planning with Geography & Environment and is applied for under VVS1. It leads to a Master of Regional & Urban Planning for suitably qualified students.

## Why is this subject for me?

As a bridge between the natural and social sciences, Geography as a discipline is ideally placed to develop flexible and informed global citizens for the workplaces and societies of tomorrow. The popularity of the discipline is due to its relevance to important global, national and local issues such as climate change, inequality, migration, urbanisation and hazard management.

By focusing on the context of environmental, socio-cultural and politico-economic decision-making and their interconnections, geography graduates are well placed to excel in varied careers and contribute effectively to solving some of the most pressing problems of our time.

## What will I study?

First year provides the foundations for later years. Sample modules on offer may include:

### First Year

Earth Systems • Contemporary Human Geography • Environmental Change & Policy

### Second & Third Year

Geographical Research Skills • Political Geography • World Urbanisation • Climatology • River Catchment Management • Geographic Information Systems • Globalisation

Geography is taught in lectures, tutorials and labs, and through significant independent reading and study. Some modules have an online component.

Assessment is generally a combination of continuous assessment, tutorial or laboratory participation and end-of-semester exams.

## Career & Graduate Study Opportunities

Making sense of our highly complex world demands sophisticated skills targeted at investigating, analysing, critiquing and interpreting phenomena. These are desired attributes of any

Geography graduate, as is competency in Geographical Information Systems (GIS), which is in increasing demand across the public and private sectors. The combination of spatial understanding and technical skill is making geography graduates highly attractive to prospective employers. UCD Geography graduates have found employment as:

- Educators at primary and second level, as well as in high-profile national and international universities
- Social science researchers and policy analysts with Teagasc, ESRI, NGOs and government departments
- GIS specialists working, for example, with the Local Government Management Agency
- Planners in both local government and private sector consultancies

Many graduates pursue further studies on the structured master's and PhD programmes at UCD, as well as overseas.

## International Study Opportunities

International opportunities have included exchanges to:

- Barcelona, Spain
- Stockholm, Sweden
- Pisa, Italy
- Melbourne, Australia
- Chicago and Santa Barbara, California, USA



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Geography is an engaging subject due to its breadth, diversity of staff and its relevance to the world around us. Classes are enjoyable, the staff are really helpful and Geography seems to attract a broad range of students from different backgrounds, meaning I befriended people from every walk of life imaginable.

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## Find out more

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## Other courses of interest

Planning, Geography & Environment

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