



Your Degree What Next: *Geography*

Interdisciplinary career paths are open to graduates of geography as they develop transferable skills valued in today's job market and knowledge across social, biological, informational and physical sciences. Geography students provide expertise in urban and regional planning, work with environmental agencies, conduct academic research, become qualified teachers, work in foreign affairs or continue their career in business.

What skills can I develop at Trinity?

You gain a wide range of skills while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for postgraduate study and jobs. Here are some skills you can gain through your course:

1. Critical Thinking - The most fundamental part of a university education is learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively.

2. Teamwork - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as a team to develop ideas, analyse information and present a coherent group argument.

3. Independent Research - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and co-ordinate information from a wide variety of sources.

4. Logical argumentation - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific question or analyse a problem.

5. Time and project management - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

6. Verbal communication - You will know how to present your ideas orally and to contribute constructively to discussions.

7. Written communication - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments which are based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely; carrying out in-depth research on a specialised topic and develop the sustained writing skills needed.

8. Digital Skills - You will have the opportunity of developing your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

9. Personal Development - You are managing the learning required for a degree and recognising the gaps in your understanding and ensuring that these are addressed in ways that best suit your learning style.

What can I do with Geography degree?

Geography students have various options available upon completion of their degree. Careers are available in academic research and industry in the areas of: urban and regional planning, environmental consultancy and research and teaching, foreign affairs, leisure and tourism and overseas development. Here are some examples of employment opportunities:

Roles	Employers
GIS Officer	EPA
Town Planner	Arup
Environmental Consultant	Trinity College Dublin
Teacher	AECOM
Market Research Executive	Irish Water
Transport Planner	Dublin City Council
Logistics and Distribution Manager	EirGrid

Many geography students go on to postgraduate courses such as masters or PhD to develop skills in specific disciplines: regional and urban planning, geographical information systems and remote sensing, sustainable resource management, and non-geography related courses, such as science communication.

Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

Resources	Professional Bodies/ Resources
gradireland (IE)	Geographical Society of Ireland
Targetjobs (UK)	The British Cartographic Society
Prospects (UK)	Royal Geographical Society
Sciencemag (Global)	EarthWorks
Vault Career Insider (Global)	United Nations internships

How can the Careers Service help you?

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