**Career Options after Human Geography**

**What is Human Geography?**

**Geography is a Social Science** that explores the complex relationships between society and the natural environment, by studying the spatial patterns of human activities. Geography examines:

- The factors affecting economic development
- Social concerns around the natural environment
- Health impacts of various development activities
- Megacities: How do we manage them?
- Land use policies and sustainability
- Migration and tourism
- Urbanization and poverty, and more.

**Skills of Human Geography Grads**

- Strong analytical and writing skills
- Interpretation of conceptual and data-based information
- Projection of socio-economic trends
- Team-work skills
- Multi-perspective approach to problem analysis
- Design and conduct Social Surveys
- Analyze and use statistical methods
- Conduct field studies and observe interactions
- Gather, organize, and analyze land use data
- Manipulate and map geographic data
- Plan long term projects
- Understand natural and social processes
- Write and present information clearly

**Entry-Level Jobs for Bachelor Grads**

According to an informal survey of graduates, and resources like [www.canadastop100.com/tcd](http://www.canadastop100.com/tcd), common employment destinations include:

- Community Outreach Coordinator in NGOs
- Sustainability Coordinator in Corporations
- Mapping/Data Analyst in Planning/Construction
- GIS Analyst in Transportation Services
- Development Worker in Non-Profits
- Natural and Cultural Heritage Interpreter in Government Services
- Tourism Information Officer in Travel Services
- Policy Analyst in Municipal Government

**Graduate & Professional Studies**

Popular further education opportunities include:

- Geography – Master of Arts
- Urban Planning – Master
- Sustainability or Environment – Master
- Education – Bachelor or Master
- Law School – JD (Juris Doctor)
- Paralegal Studies – Diploma
- Public Service/Administration – Master or Certificate
- Marketing – Post-Graduate Certificate
- Realtor Training – Licensing

**What makes Geography at UTSC unique?**

A focus on core human geography issues:

- Space, place and culture
- Environmental management and environmental movements
- Urbanization and urban processes
- Community and social change processes
- Land, development, and social justice issues

**Use LinkedIn!**

UTSC Geography graduates are working in Education, Operations, and Sales/Marketing.

Attend our LinkedIn workshop to learn about the Find Alumni tool for networking!

**Human Geography Grads from UTSC have gone on to:**

- Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Policy Analyst)
- Walmart Canada (Human Resources Associate)
- Microsoft (Marketing Specialist)

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Examples of Fields that ‘Fit’ the Skills of Geography Grads

- Non-Profit Causes
- Human Resources
- Marketing and Communications
- Logistics, Supply Chain and Operations
- Government (Federal, Provincial, Regional, Municipal)
- Property Assessment and Real Estate
- Education and Publishing
- Law / Legal Services

Your 4-Year Career Exploration Action Plan

1. Do Your Research

The databases below provide you with details about job prospects, nature of work, educational requirements, working conditions, pay and related career paths:

Career Cruising: Log into cln.utoronto.ca, click on Resources, and click on Career Cruising to be logged in automatically

O*Net: online.onetcenter.org (U.S. site)

Attend our workshop Discover Your Skills and Career Options, meet with a Career Counsellor, and use our resources to get to know your skills, values, personality and interests: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself

Use the advice on our tip sheets for gathering info: www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets
- Information Interviews
- Working On-Campus
- Internships
- Volunteering

2. Explore Career Options & Get Experience

Gain exposure to your options in the world of work and make connections while you’re a student via campus events and programs listed on cln.utoronto.ca and ccr.utoronto.ca:

- Extern Job Shadowing
- In the Field
- Explore It! (course-based)
- Partners in Leadership (4th year students)
- iLead, uLead, weLead (Dep’t of Student Life)
- Employer Information Sessions
- Career & Volunteer Fairs
- Departmental Student Association Events

Apply for Work Study jobs in CLN in Fall and Spring! You might also find work via www.scsu.ca/jobs.

Find networking opportunities, internship programs and entry-level jobs via websites like www.talentegg.ca and www.charityvillage.ca.

As an upper year student (14+ credits), attend UTSC’s Get Hired Conference and participate in Jobs for Grads.

As a graduate, explore internships and other trainee programs like www.careeredge.ca

3. Build Your Network

Explore Professional Associations and get involved: volunteer for their events and conferences, and get to know people in your industry of interest. These are your future mentors, supervisors and colleagues!

Geography and City Studies Student Association - gcsautoronto.com
Canadian Association of Geographers - www.cag-acg.ca
Royal Canadian Geographic Society - www.rcgs.org
Canadian Public Relations Society - www.cprs.ca
Human Resource Professionals Assoc’n - www.hrpa.ca

Other associations and websites for finding networking opportunities and experience include:

Canadian Community Social Planning Councils - www.ccsd.ca/index.php/social-planning-councils
Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences - www.ideas-idees.ca

Please note: This document is a starting point for your further research into career options in this field of study. For more information on this program and course requirements, please visit the departmental website at the top of the first page.