



# What can I do with a major in Geography?

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*The information herein describes typical occupations and employers associated with this major.  
Understand that some of the options listed below may require additional training.  
Moreover, you are not limited to these options alone when choosing a possible career path.*

## **Description of Geography**

Geography is the study of the relationship between the planet earth and its inhabitants. Therefore, it can be considered both a natural and a social science. A Geography major is designed to expose students to the areas of human, regional, and physical geography, as well as geographic techniques. Therefore, in addition to studying landmasses, Geography focuses on climate, land, sea, air, plant, mineral resources, population density, environmental changes, and how people adapt to these things. Most geographers work in a variety of career fields that include: human geography, economic geography, physical geography, political geography, medical geography, regional geography, and educational geography. With such diversity, geographers perform a wide variety of jobs in a wide array of geographical areas. These might include areas such as urban and regional planning, housing and community development, business site location, environmental analysis, climatology, resource conservation, or cartography. The breadth of geography as a discipline allows students to tailor their coursework to suit the needs of a wide range of employers in business, government, and education. What is more, students trained in geography bring increased awareness of global issues, sensitivity to cultural differences, and an understanding of the complexity of environmental issues on life.

## **Possible Job Titles of Geography Graduates**

(\*Jobs as reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)

Agricultural Inspector\*  
Annotator\*  
Associate Photogrammetrist\*  
CAD Editor\*  
Cartographer\*  
Contractor\*  
Customs Inspector\*  
Ecologist\*  
Engineer\*  
Flight Attendant\*  
Freight Train Conductor\*  
Geographic Specialist\*  
GIS Specialist\*  
Specialist\*

Imagist\*  
Legislative Assistant\*  
Linguist\*  
Mapping Technician\*  
Physical Geographer\*  
Project Manager\*  
Research Analyst\*  
Research Technician\*  
Special Projects Coordinator\*  
Traveling Consultant\*  
Water Planning Manager\*  
Water Policy Analyst\*  
Wildlife Interpreter

**To research careers of interest, visit these web sites:**

Georgia Career Information Center <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O\*NET <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

## **Possible Employment Setting for Geography Graduates**

(\*Jobs as reported by Career Center post-graduate survey)

ASI Landmark\*  
Atlantic Southeast Airlines\*  
Census Bureau\*  
DCS Corporation\*  
Delta Environmental Consultant\*  
Department of Agriculture\*  
Department of Defense\*

Department of Energy\*  
Department of Natural Resources\*  
Earth Tech\*  
Environmental Protection Agency\*  
Everglades National Park\*  
Geographia Map Company\*  
Hanjin Shipping Company\*

Hoffman and Company\*  
Lockwood Mapping\*  
Marietta Water Department\*  
McIntosh Trail RDC\*  
Metropolitan Council\*  
National Community Reinvestment Coalition\*  
New York State\*  
Nextel Communications\*  
Norfolk Southern\*  
Photo Science, Inc.\*  
Photo Science, Inc.\*

Royer Technical Services\*  
Southeastern Repro Graphics\*  
Space Imaging\*  
The Georgia Conservancy\*  
Tri-Global Technology\*  
Tru Green Chem Lawn\*  
University of Georgia\*  
Univest Financial Services\*  
US Army\*  
US Dept of Treasury\*  
WebMD\*

### **Top UGA Career Center Resources for Geography Majors**

*Careers for Environmental Types and Others Who Respect the Earth* by Michael Fasulo (\*/+)  
*Complete Guide to Environmental Careers* by Environmental Career Organization (\*)  
*Earthwork : Resource guide to nationwide green jobs* by The Student Conservation Association (+)  
*The ECO Guide to Careers that Make a Difference* by Environmental Careers Organization (\*/+)  
*Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors* by Blythe Camenson(\*/+)  
*Guide to Careers in Community Development* by Shabecoff and Brophy (\*/+)  
*Keys to Liberal Arts Success* by Howard Figler (\*/+)  
*Liberal Arts Jobs* by Burt Nadler (\*/+)  
*100 Jobs in the Environment* by Debra Quintana (\*)  
*Opportunities in Social Science Careers* by Rosanne Marek (2004) (\*/+)  
*Outdoor Careers* by Ellen Shenk (\*)  
*Outdoor Jobs* by Jennifer Dubois and Steve Gutman (\*)  
*Students Federal Career Guide* by Katherine Troutman (\*)  
*Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates* by Ferguson (\*)

(\*) Available in the UGA Career Center Library – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Clark Howell Hall  
(+) Available in the UGA Main Library – See [www.libs.uga.edu](http://www.libs.uga.edu) for details

### **UGA Campus Contacts Associated with Geography**

Career Center  
[www.career.uga.edu](http://www.career.uga.edu)

UGA Department of Geography  
[www.ggy.uga.edu](http://www.ggy.uga.edu)

### **Additional Resources/Contacts for Geography Majors**

#### **American Congress on Surveying and Mapping**

[www.survmap.org](http://www.survmap.org)

#### **American Geographical Society**

[www.amergeog.org](http://www.amergeog.org)

#### **Association of American Geographers**

[www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org)

#### **American Society of Photogrammetry**

[www.asprs.org](http://www.asprs.org)

#### **Environmental Careers Organization**

[www.eco.org](http://www.eco.org)

#### **GeoJobSource**

[www.geojobsources.com](http://www.geojobsources.com)

#### **GeoPlace**

[www.geoplace.com](http://www.geoplace.com)

#### **GIS Clearinghouse**

[www.gjc.org](http://www.gjc.org)

#### **Additional Entry Level Resources**

<http://www.colorado.edu/geography/virtdept/resources/contents.htm>

<http://depts.washington.edu/geogjobs>