



University of  
**BRISTOL**

**Undergraduate study**

# Geography



## Key highlights



### Global reputation

The University of Bristol is ranked 6th in the UK for geography and 1st for geography research quality (Complete University Guide, 2021).



### Field trips

All geography students put theory into practice with UK and international fieldwork, from the Avon Gorge in Bristol to Barcelona and Switzerland.



### Cutting-edge research

Geography at Bristol has been ranked in the top category in every UK national research assessment exercise since 1986. This translates into inspirational teaching informed by the latest studies.



### Our environment

Bristol is a major centre for research and teaching on environmental processes and systems. Join world-leading experts working on some of the biggest challenges of the 21st century.

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## Why study geography at Bristol?

Join a community of leading scientists and social scientists working to understand some of the most urgent challenges facing the world today, from climate change to human-nature interactions, and environmental consequences from urban growth to agricultural pollution. Geography equips you with a unique perspective on global issues, linking the physical and social sciences to explore the interactions between people and the planet.

You will learn with internationally renowned experts whose research feeds directly into your teaching and develop the knowledge and abilities to make a difference. Bristol was the first UK university to declare a climate emergency, and our researchers are on the forefront of work into quantifying climate risks and the social impact of climate change. The skills gained through your studies will be prized by employers, from computing and statistics to the ability to think critically and analytically about arguments and evidence.

At Bristol, you can tailor your studies to pursue your own interests. Year one of all our courses is foundational, comprising a contemporary overview of both human and physical geography – plus a UK-based field course. You will also gain a grounding in quantitative research methods with lectures and practical classes. As you progress through your course you can choose to specialise in human or physical geography,

or pursue a combination of both. The breadth of specialist units available reflects our world-class research strengths, and you'll complete an original research project in your final year.

You'll get hands-on experience through our UK and European field classes, the cost of which is included in your tuition fees. Field classes are a great way to bond with your coursemates and hone your skills in field techniques and observation, placing your studies in the context of real-world issues.

As well as the BSc Geography degree we also have combined degree options to expand your horizons. You could spend your third year studying abroad and gain a unique experience in a new country; combine your degree with quantitative research methods and develop numeracy and analysis skills to boost your career prospects; or combine your degree with innovation and apply your creativity to nurture interdisciplinary entrepreneurial ventures.

Sample units may include:

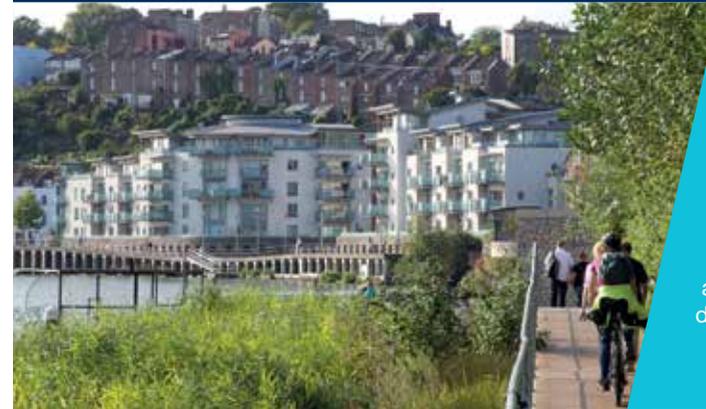
- Ice and Ocean in the Global Carbon Cycle
- Ethnicity, Class and Housing in the City
- Sea Level Past, Present and Future
- Advanced Topics in Critical Political Economy
- Geographic Data Science.

## Find out more

Entry requirements, course structure and units  
[bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-geography](https://bristol.ac.uk/ug2021-geography)

'The year-two field trip was an outstanding, immersive experience of field science. The tutors were very encouraging and supportive, ensuring the geography learned in lectures came to life.'

**Maisie** (BSc Geography)



A former European Green Capital, the UK's first cycling city, and home to flourishing eco-friendly organisations, Bristol is a pioneering green city. The University is similarly committed to the environment, as the first UK university to declare a climate emergency.



2020 marks 100 years since the first geography student graduated from the University. Geography at Bristol has occupied the same buildings throughout its history, and the Geographical Society dates back to 1923.



Our degrees with quantitative research methods combine core geography learning with enhanced quantitative skills training focusing on applied data analysis.



The School of Geographical Sciences is home to the Grace Reeves Study Centre – an ideal space for silent study or small-group work – and a high-powered computer lab for quantitative analysis.

# Courses

BSc Geography

BSc Geography with Study Abroad

BSc Geography with Study Abroad in a Modern Language

BSc Geography with Quantitative Research Methods

MSci Geography with Quantitative Research Methods

MSci Geography with Innovation

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