THIS IS Geography
Why study Geography?

- Global perspective
- Understanding of human and environmental issues
- Opportunities for field trips and overseas travel
- Strong emphasis on skills
- Wide variety of career opportunities
- Because you enjoy it!
It may be… that geography is a subject for our times. It is inherently multidisciplinary in a world that increasingly values people who have the skills needed to work across the physical and social sciences…

(The Guardian, 2015)
Employment destinations of our graduates

- Planning & Surveying
- Finance & Management
- Government & Environment
- IT & GIS
- Teaching
- Industry
- Other
What are they earning?

Average salary 5 years after graduation (Institute for Fiscal Studies, 2018)
We aim to provide...

• The highest quality of teaching supported by internationally recognised research
• An intellectually stimulating and enjoyable programme of studies
• A broad, balanced and diverse portfolio of modules, including fieldwork
• A firm grounding in applied Geography: a strong preparation for the world of work
Latest available Quality Review

‘Geography has an excellent reputation for the quality of teaching and learning and its innovation...

... one of the top departments in the country for teaching and learning in geography. Where Plymouth leads many other departments would do well to follow’
HEFCE independent Quality Committee Assessment

... the University ‘meets requirements’ – the best outcome available – endorsing that the student experience is of a high quality, standards are comparable and student outcomes are generally good or excellent and the University has a process for continuous improvement.
University of Plymouth awarded a TEF (Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework) Silver by the Office for Students

- Most Plymouth students achieve “excellent outcomes” during and following their degree
- The panel particularly commended the University for its:
  - course design and assessment practices
  - institution-wide focus on student employability, work-based learning and entrepreneurship
  - sustained and substantial institutional investment to enhance learning resources
National Student Survey 2019

BSc (Hons) Geography

93% Opportunities to explore ideas

95% Overall Satisfaction

BA (Hons) Geography

100% Staff are good at explaining things

BA (Hons) Geography with International Relations
Top Green University

Plymouth is ranked as a top ‘first class’ university in the *People and Planet’s University League* (2019)

Independently assessed on our environmental and ethical performance
Geography staff

- 20 academic staff
- c. 50 postgraduate students
- 2 science laboratory staff
- 3 GIS mapping specialists
Physical resources

- Modern, well equipped lecture theatres
- LABPlus
- Physical geography laboratories
- Many computing suites
- Our local environment
Four Degree Programmes

• BA (Hons) Geography (L700)
• BSc (Hons) Geography (F800)

Combined Honours (Geography Major):
• BA (Hons) Geography with International Relations (L7LF)
• BSc (Hons) Geography with Ocean Science (F8F7)
RGS (with IBG) accreditation

Accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

Accredited degree programmes:
• Contain a solid academic foundation in geographical knowledge and skills
• Prepare graduates to address the needs of the world beyond higher education
• Show evidence that graduates from accredited programmes meet defined sets of learning outcomes, including subject knowledge, technical ability and transferable skills.
# First Year BA/BSc Hons Geography

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*Core module*
Second Year BA/BSc Hons Geography

Options:
• Catchment to Coast
• Geographical Information Systems
• Nature, Country and Society
• Quaternary to Anthropocene
• Social and Cultural Geography
• Tourism, Development and Culture
• Transport, Travel and Mobilities
• Weather and Climate
Year 2 Overseas Study opportunities

- USA
- Canada
- Australia
- Netherlands
- Rep. of Ireland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Spain
- Sweden
- Finland
### Year 3 example placement opportunities

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Final Year BA/BSc Hons Geography

Options:

- Big Data and Spatial Analytics
- Citizenship, Territory and War
- Climate Change Action
- Desertification and Dryland Change
- Environmental Politics and Governance
- Living Landscapes
- Polar and Alpine Change
- Restless Landscapes and Resilience
- Sustainable Cities
- Work Based Learning in Geography
Teaching styles

- Lectures
- Tutorials
- Practical classes
- Fieldwork
- Seminar work
- Independent study
- Work-based learning
Degree Classification

- ~ 80% continuous assessment
- ~ 20% examinations

About half of our students are awarded Upper Second Class or First Class honours degrees.
Why Geography at Plymouth

• You will benefit from a department rated as ‘excellent’

• You will enjoy an exceptional fieldwork programme

• You will have plenty of choice across human / physical geography

• You will apply your geography skills in the real world

• You will develop skills that are in high demand from employers

• You will live and work in the attractive location of Devon

• You will have a great time at Plymouth!
How to join us

104-112 points
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