BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Human Geography focuses on the relationships between human societies and the built and natural environments in which they operate. We apply geographic concepts to practical issues and challenges in order to understand the world around us. If you’ve ever wondered about how to build better cities and healthier, more sustainable communities, Human Geography could be for you!

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A HUMAN GEOGRAPHY HONORS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... research analyst, project manager, GIS specialist, housing policy advisor, sustainability co-ordinator, international trade consultant.

OR WORK IN... government, non-profit, business or community sectors.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

1. Gain an understanding of the diverse peoples, places and cultures that make up our world, and the shared challenges we face.
2. Acquire first-hand experience of the world through experiential learning and our fourth-year field school.
3. Work with leading geographers to learn about real-world issues and challenges in areas such as housing, hazards and health.
4. Develop skills in Geographical Information Systems and learn how to use spatial data to identify problems and propose solutions.
5. Pursue your curiosity by collecting and analyzing data, writing for diverse audiences, and writing an Honors thesis.

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.

- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility resources
- Financial aid & awards
- Professional & career development
- Mental health supports

OFFERS COURSES IN...

- Cities and urbanism
- Natural resources
- Environmental hazards, management and policy
- Culture and society
- Economic geography
- Health and well-being
- Research methods
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS)

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

FALL TERM
- H GEO 100

WINTER TERM
- EAS 100

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY HONORS COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- EAS 100
- H GEO 100
- EAS 221
- H GEO 240
- H GEO 250
- H GEO 252
- At least two of
  - H GEO 341
  - H GEO 342
  - H GEO 343
- H GEO 399
- H GEO 496
- H GEO 499

ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

- Sustainability
- International Learning
- Community Engagement and Service-Learning
- Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies

LEARN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM:

- Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, or Honors Thesis.

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2021 - 2022 ACADEMIC YEAR
Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

**LEGEND**
- **GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**
- **GAIN EXPERIENCE**
- **SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS**
- **NAVIGATE COURSES**

### EARLY DEGREE
- Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.
- Volunteer or get a part-time job with a non-profit or government agency.
- Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid experience.
- Join GAPSS, the Geography and Planning Students’ Society.
- Take your two required Language Other than English courses!

### MID-DEGREE
- Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.
- Build your network and knowledge by adding a certificate to your BA Honors.
- Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.
- Develop your research skills through H GEO 399 and the Undergraduate Research Initiative.

### LATE DEGREE
- Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.
- Undertake a two-semester research project for your Honors thesis (H GEO 496).
- Discuss your research interests with potential Honors supervisors.
- Present your work at a conference, or publish it in a student journal.
- Use your research skills and experience to prepare for your next steps.
- Participate in our H GEO 499 Field School.

### BA HUMAN GEOGRAPHY HONORS DEGREE GUIDE
- Use your research skills and experience to prepare for your next steps.