



EXPERIENTIAL MAJOR MAP

FIRST YEAR

MIDDLE YEARS

FINAL YEAR

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



DEVELOP

a Course Plan and
Build Academic Skills

- Check out the [Academic Support Zone \(ASZ\)](#) for free writing and tutoring support.
- Running into academic challenges? Meet with the [ASZ](#) early.
- Review program requirements on the [Academic Calendar](#) and if you have questions meet with a [Student Central](#) Professional.
- Consider elective courses that interest you.
- Familiarize yourself with your [myInfo](#) account, self help and degree audit tools.
- Read through and understand the [Academic Regulations](#).
- Needing academic accommodations? Meet with [Student Accessibility Services](#).
- Start thinking about what kind of geography to concentrate in. With a major in Geography, you can either graduate with an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies or an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Science. Begin thinking about the path you want to take and plan accordingly.

- Meet with your [Chair](#) or [Student Central](#) Professional to discuss your academic progress, and current/future courses.
 - Consider [post-degree programs](#) that may require specific courses or academic requirements - create a plan.
 - Ensure your degree audit is accurate, including exceptions if any (found on [myInfo](#)).
 - Check this anytime you add/drop courses.
 - Students completing the Geomatics Certificate are recommended to take, as Geography electives, GEOG 2215 in second year and GEOG 3253 in third year.
 - Students in a Concurrent Education program should be in touch with [Education advisors](#) as well, and make sure that their average stays high enough to qualify for that program.
 - If doing an Honours Thesis, begin making connections with [faculty](#), researching, and planning ahead.
- In your final two years of study you may specialize in a particular area. Determine where your interests lie and

- Meet with your Chair or [Student Central](#) to ensure you have completed and are in-progress to complete all necessary degree requirements needed for graduation.
- Submit your Intent to Graduate (on [myInfo](#)). RSVP for convocation ceremonies.
- Review application requirements, processes and deadlines for future programs of interest.
- Students in Certificate programs (such as Geomatics) should submit additional Intent to Graduate forms.
- If doing a Thesis, ensure that you are on track to complete on time, and see the program guidelines with regard to Honours theses.

ACADEMIC SKILLS CHECKLIST

- Visit the Academic Support Zone; attend workshops and take advantage of free tutoring and writing services.
- Ensure degree requirements are being met, and if needed meet with the Chair of the Department of Geography.
- Complete all the [necessary steps](#) to graduate.
- Develop professional contacts with [faculty](#) instructors.
- Enhance the value of your degree through specialization options.
- Consider and research the areas of Geography you want to concentrate in.



CONNECT

and Gain Experience
with the Local and
Global Community

- Register in courses with in-class experiential learning opportunities such as case studies and labs.
- Meet the Chair of your Department.
- Join a [club](#) to network with peers and develop your interests.
- Ask faculty about volunteering for the department.
- Engage with faculty and peers. Visit your professors during office hours, even if you don't have specific queries.
- Show interest and engage with faculty projects and research. Inquire whether they need assistance during the year.
- If you're an international student, check out Lakehead International [resources and programs](#).
- If you identify as Indigenous check out [Indigenous Initiatives](#) and the [Indigenous Student Services Centre](#).

- Build professional networks with peers, mentors, employers, and faculty.
- Develop networks and connect with your [academic professors](#).
- Consider a [work-study](#) job; a great opportunity to gain experience, as well as assist in the cost of your education.
- Try to obtain fieldwork or lab experience through a field school course, volunteering, or summer employment.
- In your 3rd and 4th year try to take advantage of our International Field Study course.
- Try volunteering; gain experience in the local community and organizations.
- Consider going on an exchange to Australia through Lakehead's [Study Abroad](#) program.

- Consider working on applied research, such as a thesis project.
- Join different networking platforms such as [LinkedIn](#) and [Ten Thousand Coffees](#).
- Communicate interest in career-related opportunities with your professor.
- [Attend](#) career fairs and employer events.
- Consider a leadership role in a student club or organization.
- Look into participating in regional field camps.
- Determine whether you want to participate in the Regional or International Field Study course. Take this course to learn applied geographical methods, network, and expand your knowledge and interests.
- Ask faculty about conferences you can attend.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CHECKLIST

- Consider International Field School and/or field school options within Canada.
- [Attend](#) a Career/Volunteer Fair.
- Network with employers at events, job/career fairs, and don't hesitate reaching out to the [Student Success Centre](#) or faculty to help with tips and connections.
- Consider [studying abroad](#).
- Consider arranging an [informational interview](#). This is a great way to build your network, gain mentors, and explore career options.
- Talk to a Student Success Advisor about starting your [Co-Curricular Record](#).
- If you are going on an extracurricular geographical field trip, apply for the Department of Geography's [Travel Award](#) if needed.



GEOGRAPHY

CAREER INFORMATION

HBASc, HBA, BA, BA/HBOR, BSc, HBSsc, HBES, HBESc, BA/BEEd, HBA/BEEd, BSc/BEEd, HBSc/BEEd, HBES/BEEd, HBESc/BEEd



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PREPARE

for Postgraduation or Career

- Visit the [Career Zone](#) to find out about the career readiness services offered.
- Discuss bursary and award opportunities with [Student Central](#).
- Check out the job bank on [MySuccess](#) to learn about summer job and on campus opportunities in your program.
- First year is not too early to look for job opportunities! • Spring/Summer Internships are a great start!
- Attend local/regional conferences and workshops in order to connect with experts outside of Lakehead University.
- If you are pursuing the Honours Bachelor of Science or the Honours Bachelor of Environmental Science, you may register to become a • Professional Geoscientist once you have completed the required courses. Look into the [requirements](#) and ensure you're on track.

- Start connecting with employers through recruitment [events](#), such as career fairs and employer visits.
- Join [Lakehead Connect](#) to make connections with alumni in industry.
- Consider taking the [Strong Interest Inventory Assessment](#) to learn about career options.
- Develop relationships with faculty. Future references can be important.
- Consider a [work-study](#) job; a great opportunity to gain experience, as well as assist in the cost of your education.
- Students interested in writing an Honours Thesis in fourth year should discuss possible topics with appropriate [faculty members](#).

- Build career readiness skills by attending resume, job search and interview skills workshops in the Career Zone.
- Attend the Career and Job Fair/Career and Summer Job Fairs to network with employers.
- Check the [Career Zone calendar](#) to find out when career-building events are being held.
- Consider and discuss graduate school options with your faculty.
- Finish strong with your final year – in many cases, grad programs only look at your last year or two of grades.
- Understand the terms and conditions of your provincial funding to understand the repayment requirements.
- Students in Environmental Studies/Science should consider applying for professional certification through [ECO Canada](#).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CHECKLIST

- Visit the [Career Zone](#).
- Apply for job opportunities in your field.
- Create a [LinkedIn](#) Account.
- Attend Career Zone job readiness workshops. Make use of the available [resources/tools](#) when attending interviews, creating resumes, networking, and more.
- [Attend](#) job and volunteer fairs.

What skills do employers want?

- Experiential experience
- Computer skills
- Ability to reason and problem solving
- Use of qualitative and quantitative methods
- Application of field methodologies
- Use of statistical and graphical methods
- Data analysis
- Record keeping

What skills will I gain with this major?

- Understanding of contemporary environmental issues
- How to develop and conduct geographical research projects
- Geomatics skills
- Remote sensing
- Digital Photogrammetry
- Lab and field based analytical skills
- Environmental assessments
- Prepping maps

What double degrees can I do with this major?

- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Geology
- Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism
- Education

What graduate degrees could I pursue?

- Master of Environmental Studies
- Master of Anthropology
- Master of International Development
- Master of Geography
- Master of Planning
- Master of Geomatics

What types of minors can I do?

- Geology
- Biology
- Anthropology
- Indigenous Studies

What could I add to my degree?

- Certificate in Geomatics
- Indigenous Language Specialist's Certificate

What careers can I pursue?*

- Economic Development Officer
- Urban Planner
- Demographer
- Environmental Consultant
- Soil Conservationist
- Ecologist
- Climatologist
- Habitat Researcher
- Agronomist
- Resource Management Specialist
- Cartographer

*Your career path is not limited to this list. There could be other options to explore!

What field of work are alumni working in?

- Municipal government
- Parks management
- Conservation
- Geomatics professionals
- Environmental consulting
- Public communications
- Education and outreach

What percentage of graduates are employed within 2 years after graduation?

- Forestry: 100%
- Agriculture & Biological Science: 100%

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE

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