Never before has geography mattered more. Pressing issues like climate change, population, economic development, environmental management, planning and citizenship require holistic solutions and the application of skills from both social science and science. Human Geography is the ideal discipline to tackle these issues. Human Geography is the study of people and place. It encompasses the study of both human societies and the environment, and draws on conceptual knowledge in social, cultural, economic and environmental processes. Human Geographers examine social and environmental problems in a holistic way. They study conflicts and tensions, consider scientific evidence, critically analyse policy, and identify solutions with environmental sustainability and cultural sensitivity in mind.

GEOGRAPHY MATTERS FOR FUTURE CAREERS
Understanding and helping to resolve conflicts and crises makes Human Geographers highly employable and sought-after professionals. Through completing our courses, Human Geographers gain practical skills in social data analysis, qualitative research methods in fieldwork settings, oral and written communication, team projects, computer mapping, policy analysis and community consultation.

In their chosen career paths, Human Geographers work in government, for non-government organisations and in the private sector. They make essential contributions to environmental management, urban planning, and the management of social and economic change.

ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?
Are you ready for the challenge of exploring and understanding contemporary social and environmental issues? Questions Human Geographers address include:

- What are the social and cultural changes needed to tackle climate change?
- Why do certain places in the world have restricted access to food resources?
- How can we live more sustainably and reduce urban environmental footprints?
- How are natural resources affected by changes in agriculture and food production?
- What are the social factors that influence biodiversity conservation?
- What can Australia as a whole learn from Aboriginal land management?
- What are the implications of ageing for population growth and urban planning?
- How will spatial technologies like GPS and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) improve our understanding of the world and influence daily activities?
WHY STUDY HUMAN GEOGRAPHY AT WOLLONGONG?

Human Geography is taught within the Department of Geography and Sustainable Communities, part of the School of Health and Society in the Faculty of Social Sciences. At Wollongong, Human Geography is a major strand of study for both science and social science students. The enthusiasm and quality of the staff within the Human Geography program is reflected in the University and national awards they have received for their excellence and innovation in teaching and community engagement. You will learn from staff working on cutting edge research on topics including water resources, transport, urban and household sustainability, bushfire management, rural cultures, race relations, sexuality and place, and cross-cultural biodiversity conservation. Students who perform well or who are enrolled in Advanced degrees gain the opportunity to collaborate on research projects. With a degree in Human Geography from the University of Wollongong, you will go places!

FLEXIBLE DEGREE STRUCTURES

Bachelor of Social Science (Human Geography)
From 2015, you will be able to undertake a Human Geography major as part of a Bachelor of Social Science. Students will be able to study geography in conjunction with other social science disciplines and subjects, gaining a thorough grounding in social issues, analysis, and skills. This major will be available at Wollongong, Shoalhaven, Bega, Batemans Bay, Moss Vale, and Southern Sydney.

Bachelor of Science (Human Geography)
In this course there is a great deal of flexibility and choice for students, especially in the first year of the degree. A Human Geography major may be combined with other complementary elective subjects or undertaken as a second major. Also offered as a Bachelor of Science Advanced.

Bachelor of Science (Land and Heritage Management)
This specialist program combines Physical and Human Geography with other relevant subjects to provide the skills and knowledge required for employment or research on both cultural and natural heritage issues. Also offered as a Bachelor of Science Advanced.

Human Geography can also be taken as part of double degrees, such as a Bachelor of Creative Arts – Bachelor of Science, and selected subjects are part of some Bachelor of Arts degrees.

VALUABLE SKILLS AND TRAINING

Geography graduates have skills that are valuable to many employers - the ability to integrate data and perspectives from a range of disciplines, project management, team work, computer skills and qualitative and quantitative research skills. Students are encouraged to include studies in Remote Sensing and Geographical Information Systems (GIS) in their degree.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Human Geographers find employment in a diverse range of organisations, across scientific and technical areas such as GIS, and social and environmental policy areas including planning and policy research. Roles secured by graduates include Research Officer, Heritage Officer, Policy/Project Officer and Strategic Planner for a variety of organisations, including Aboriginal Land Councils, the NSW national parks service, local councils, Landcare, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and the federal environment department.

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

I was inspired by the Human Geographers as their work always seemed to be more embedded in real world issues and would often champion an inter-disciplinary approach to understanding, this appealed to what I thought about conservation and protected area management… Since graduating I have found it relatively easy to find work in a variety of fields related to geography... all these roles have taken me to incredible places and allowed me to work at the intersection of social, cultural and environmental geography which is pretty exciting and inspiring.

Tom Nagle, Kimberley Ranger Program, Kimberley Land Council, Bachelor of Science (Land and Heritage Management)

I chose to major in Physical and Human Geography in my Science degree because I am interested in people and how they live as a result of the environments and circumstances they experience every day... I found the Human Geography courses more interesting as they touched on many subject areas at once including physical environments, economics, politics, sociology and law. This gave me the ability to question, research, consult and think critically about a variety of issues at once, and provide reports and recommendations. These skills have benefited me greatly in my career as a policy advisor to the Government.

John Wilson, Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Arts

For further information and contacts see: socialsciences.uow.edu.au/dgsc