So you’ll soon have a Bachelor’s degree...
What’s next for you?
Master of Arts or Science in Geography

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WHY a Master’s Degree?

It’s university life at its best

- Small classes (commonly 5-15 students)
- Seminar style courses with discussion and independent research
  - Courses rarely have exams!
- 1-1.5 year research project
  - Allows the time to explore your given topic in depth
- Work closely with a supervisor and advisory committee
- Field work opportunities in Canada and internationally
- Get to know fellow students well – common office rooms, social activities, field camp, etc.
A Master’s degree gives you:

- Advanced expertise in a given field
- Experience in project management, qualitative/quantitative data analysis and other technical skills
- Teaching experience and collaborative work
- Critical thinking, writing and presentation skills

A Master’s degree can lead to:

- More / better job opportunities and advancement with regional, provincial, federal or international government agencies, NGOs, and in the private sector
WHY
Geography?
because it’s fun! 😊

Grad field weekend 2018
WHY Geography?

because it’s super interesting!

MA (Human Geography)

- **Environmental sustainability**: human security and environmental change; political ecology; Indigenous knowledge and approaches to resource use and conservation; local food systems and sustainable communities; changing natural resource economies; environmental politics.

- **Cities and urban transformations**: global urbanisms; housing markets; shantytowns and informal settlements; migration and immigration; governance and citizenship issues.

- **Social and political change**: social justice; empire and anti-colonialism; critical labour, legal and northern geographies; post-traumatic bodies, places and things; emotion, affect, identity and change.

- **Innovative research methodologies**: arts-based and narrative-based research; cross-cultural, collaborative research and education; community-university partnerships; participatory mapping
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**MSc (Physical Geography)**

Climate change, including impacts on permafrost and northern environments

- Water, energy and carbon cycling
- Vegetation and carbon dynamics
- Ice island and sea ice processes and dynamics
- Earth surface processes and watershed management
- Environmental change and management
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MA or MSc (Geomatics - GIS, Remote Sensing, Cartography)

- Vegetation mapping and monitoring for habitat and land cover change analysis
- Environmental modelling of ecological, hydrologic, sea ice, and climate change impacts
- Cybercartography; multi-media data representation; visualization
What does a Master’s include?

Geography MA and MSc degrees require 1.5 – 2 years and include:

5 courses

- 1 course on fundamental aspects
  - GEOG 5000 for MA, GEOG 5001 for MSc
  - Both discuss philosophy / discipline history / approaches/ theory
- 1 course on thesis proposal development
- 3 courses are your choice in consultation with your supervisor

Research

- on a topic you develop with your supervisor

A thesis on your research

- typically 80-150 pages
What do I need to be Admitted?

GPA
- Minimum of B+ (GPA = 9) average in last two years

4 year Honours BA or BSc
- In Geography, Environmental Studies, or Geomatics
- Or a related field: Sociology, Political Science, Env. Science, Earth Science, etc.
- Undergrad thesis is not required

A DGES prof
- Who is available to supervise you
How do I find a supervisor?

Check this website and click on a Prof that has similar interests to yours
https://carleton.ca/geography/staff-faculty/

- Or, look at our poster in the corridor outside the main office: B section, 3rd floor Loeb
- Or, zoom in on that same poster in the next two slides

Send the Prof(s) an email asking to meet or go by their office

- You don’t have to have an exact idea of what your research topic will be – they will be happy to discuss ideas with you.
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Do I get paid as a grad student?

Teaching Assistantship (TA)
- ~$11,000/yr for one course each term. Most students get a TA

Entrance scholarships
- E.g. $2000-10,000 1-2 years. Depends on GPA

External scholarships
- If you have a GPA > 10.7 or so, apply for an Ontario Grad Scholarship (OGS) before November 15
- If your GPA is ≥ 11.0, apply for an NSERC or SSHRC this fall

Carleton and DGES Internal scholarships and bursaries

Professors’ research funding
- Some may have grants or contracts and can give you funding as a Research Assistant (e.g. $1000-10,000/yr)
When and how do I apply?

For September 2019 admission

- Apply on-line before Feb. 1, 2019
  
  https://graduate.carleton.ca/apply-online/

- We accept applications up until mid-August 2019
  - Funding may still be available from the Dean of Grad Studies for applications after Feb. 1.

Remember – If you have questions, contact:

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If you are interested in the MA or MSc in Northern Studies, see:
https://carleton.ca/northernstudies/

- A 1-year course-based Masters degree or diploma
- A multi-department program
- DGES is currently running it
  - Chris Burn is the Director
  - Dan Bert is the Administrator