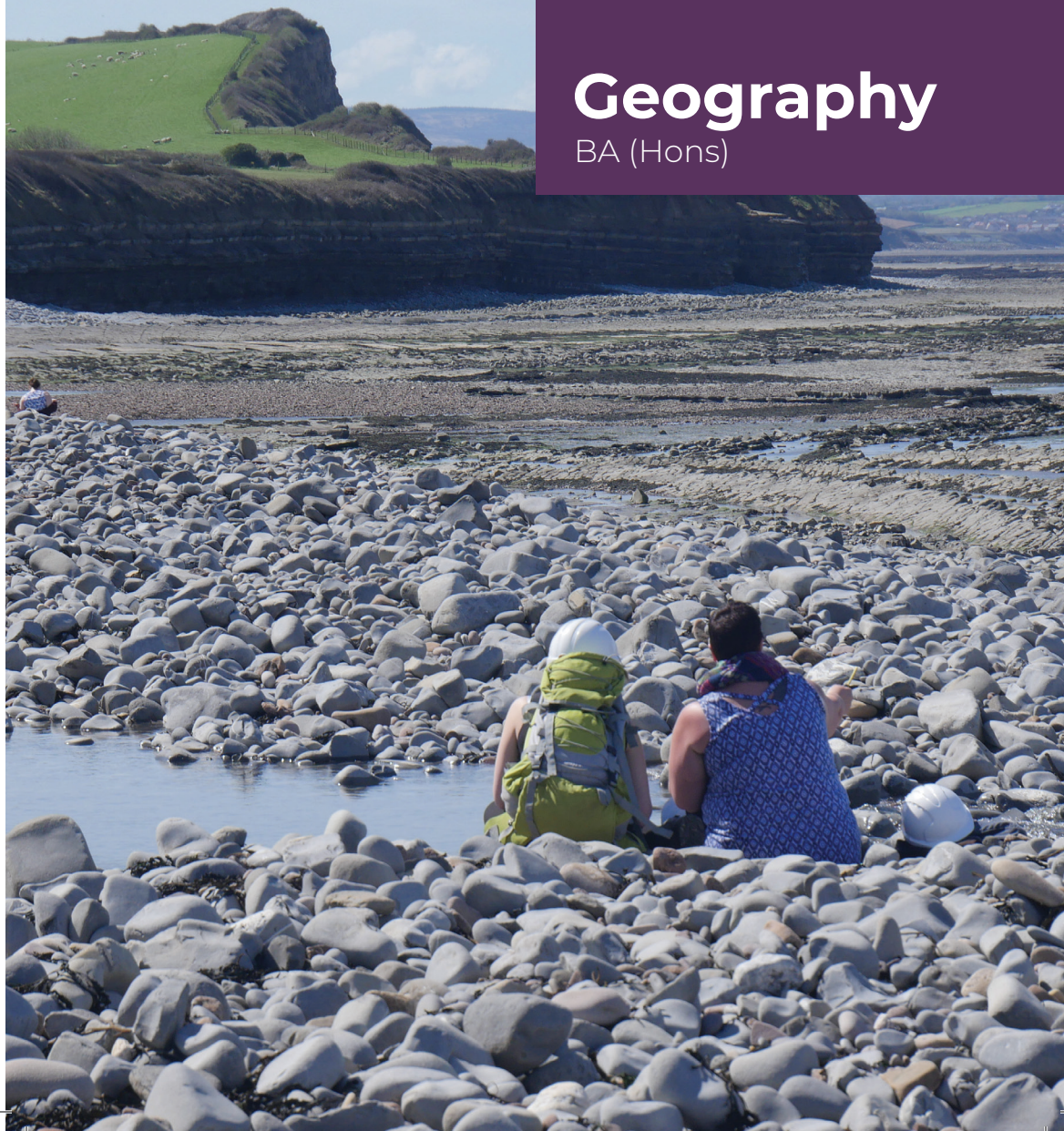




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# Geography

BA (Hons)



# Why study Geography at BGU?

Take part in enhancement visits that are built into the course for each year of study. You can base some module assignments on these visits. Previously we have run expeditions to Glastonbury, the Czech Republic and Fiji.

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Gain a fully rounded geography experience, covering all areas of the subject with a primary emphasis on human geography.

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No exams. The course takes a contemporary approach to teaching with much of the learning taking place in the field. All assessment is coursework based.

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Research based teaching focuses on sustainability, climate change, disaster risk reduction, aid, development and Pacific Small Island States - all of which the Geography lecturers are extremely passionate about.



# Hello

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# Geography at BGU

Geography at BGU is interdisciplinary. It considers changing environments and landscapes, the effects of natural processes on the earth, and importantly - the interaction of people with the planet in the Anthropocene.

At BGU you will work with academics who are leading research. Our Geography staff are research active on global issues including sustainable and resilient development, aid effectiveness, indoor air pollution, education and development, disaster risk reduction, climate change vulnerability and adaptation, communicating climate change and food and energy security. Our Geography staff are currently involved with research in Fiji, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, UK, and Vanuatu. So, teaching here is research led - encouraging students to develop the interdisciplinary critical thinking and collaborative skills required to meet future challenges.

Since we focus on employability skills, there are no formal examinations and our emphasis

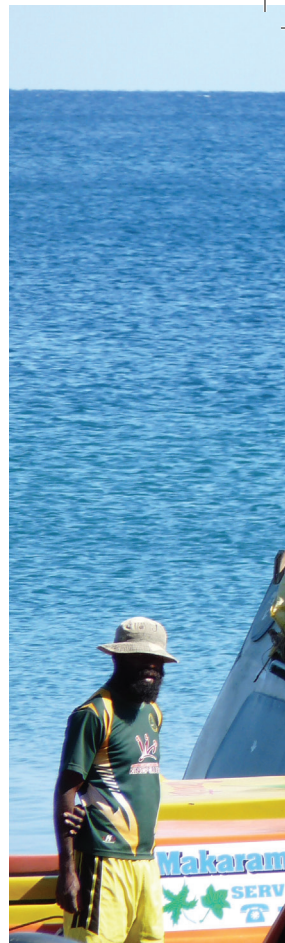
is on fieldwork and 'doing geography'.

You will have opportunities to take part in optional enrichment activities to enhance your knowledge, including a range of expeditions and field trips. In the past we have had residential trips to Glastonbury, Czech Republic and Fiji.

In addition to our full-time staff, you will learn from professionals with specialist geographical information and skills, and you will have opportunities to gain valuable work experience in Year 2 through Professional Contexts for the Geographer.

Geography at BGU is ideal if you're interested in how the environment and human societies interact and want to learn more about contemporary issues from a variety of viewpoints. The skills you have gained will help you address future challenges. By the end of the course, you'll leave us equipped with a wide range of transferable skills which can be taken to a broad set of public, private, commercial and third-sector settings.

This programme has been accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).



For full details of all of our courses, including combinations, module details, entry requirements and much more, visit [bishopg.ac.uk/courses](http://bishopg.ac.uk/courses)







Due to the size of the university and number of students here you'll regularly see staff around the campus - everybody is friendly and says hello, and you genuinely feel valued."

**Olin**

Geography & PGCE

## KEY FACTS

**AWARD:** BA (Hons)

**DURATION:** 3 years full-time

**START DATE:** September

**TYPICAL OFFER:**  
96 – 112 UCAS tariff points

**INSTITUTION CODE:** B38



“

I only applied to BGU, I didn't apply anywhere else. I came and looked round, and absolutely fell in love, it's like a model village!”

**Zaza**  
Geography

# Geography modules

At BGU you can study Geography as a **single** honours degree, giving you an in-depth knowledge of the subject. Depending on your year of entry, options and any potential course combinations, you may study some or all of the following modules in Geography at BGU.

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# Year 1

## Introduction to Physical Geographies

Here you will be introduced to degree-level physical geography. You will investigate the importance of physical geography, and how different approaches develop our understanding and management of the earth and natural processes.

## Introduction to Human Geographies

In this module you will be introduced to human geography at degree level. You will examine the significance of human geographies, and how geographical perspectives help advance our understanding of societies and peoples.

## Coastal and River Environments: Challenges, management and Policy

This module will focus on coastal and river environments as a fascinating context for studying the impact of physical and human processes, and the challenges that these represent.

## Population and People: Issues and Approaches

This module explores people and place in the UK context, including demographic change, spatial and cultural mobility, geographical differentiation, and identities.

## Geography in Practice: Field Skills

Students on this module will bring together various aspects of their learning. They will draw on human and physical knowledge and approaches, with a feature of the module being a UK field-course setting.

## Data, GIS and Spatial Analysis: Cultural and Historical Change

In this module you will consider areas of practice relating to the use of data, GIS and spatial analysis, with a particular focus on aspects of historical and cultural change, and local and regional UK contexts.



## Year 2

### **Urban Places: Planning and Change**

In this module you will explore the contemporary city in Europe, including historical legacies and current trends.

### **Geographical Thought and Imagination**

In this module you will deepen further your understanding of the discipline of geography. You will learn how it has been shaped by leading geographers, new theoretical thinking, and shifts in fields of research interests and methodologies.

### **Geographies of Tourism and Leisure, Travel and Transport**

In this module you will explore travel, transport and tourism patterns and processes in the European context, and can be the setting for a residential field course experience.

### **Rural Spaces: Regions and Landscapes**

This module examines rural environments in the European context, including the challenges faced by rural societies, settlements and landscapes.

### **Professional Contexts for the Geographer**

In this module students will have the opportunity to apply their geographical knowledge and skills in a placement context. Opportunities for placement-based learning will be found typically in settings like schools, local government, heritage management, and charities.

### **GIS: Investigating Society**

This module investigates the diverse use of spatial data and GIS in understanding societies and the challenges facing people and populations.





## Year 3

### **Globalisation and Localism: Tradition and Development**

In this module you will explore local and regional settings in the contemporary global context, including the challenges to customs and traditions being brought by development today. This module can be the setting for a residential field course experience.

### **Advanced GIS: Investigations and Explorations**

This module follows on from the GIS module in year 2, and will you will understand further how GIS can be used in specialised areas of geographical research.

### **Sustainability and Security: Challenges to Food and Energy Production**

This module considers the essential issues of sustainability and food and energy security, and the range of challenges and solutions evident globally.

### **Physical and Environmental Change: Risks and Hazards**

Students on this module explore physical and environmental geographies further, in particular the nature of extreme locations and events.

### **Dissertation**

In this module you will apply the knowledge, understanding and skills that you have gained in an extended piece of independent study. A dissertation supervisor will support you in optimising this research opportunity.

# What we offer

## Delivery

There is no one-size-fits-all method of teaching at BGU – we shape our methods to suit each subject and each group, combining the best aspects of traditional university teaching with innovative techniques to promote student participation and interactivity.

You will be taught in a variety of ways, from lectures, tutorials and seminars, to practical workshops, coursework, work-based placements or even field visits. Small group seminars and workshops will provide you with an opportunity to review issues raised in lectures, and you will be expected to carry out independent study.

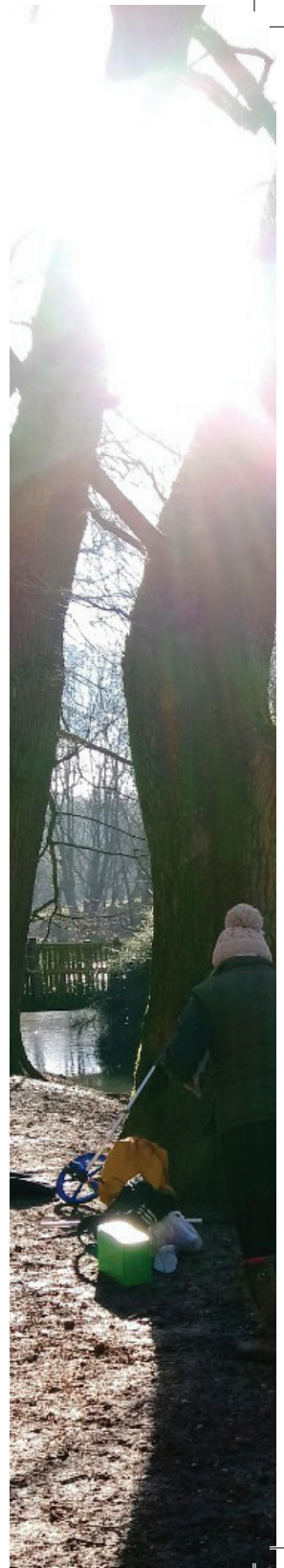
Placements are a key part of degree study at BGU. They provide an enriching learning experience for you to apply the skills and knowledge you will gain from your course and, in doing so, give valuable real-world experience to boost your career.

## Assessment

We recognise that individuals come from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences, so we use a variety of assessment strategies on our courses.

In Geography, we don't have exams. Instead, we use a wide range of assessment methods which reflect the importance of both thinking and practical approaches to Geography, and the importance we give to the future employment skills of our graduates.

These assessment methods are varied and include essays, displays of work, oral presentations, placement portfolios, a dissertation and reports. Our aim is to produce confident geographers who demonstrate well-developed knowledge and awareness, and advanced analytical and communication skills.





The image is a composite. The top half shows a dense canopy of bare trees against a bright sky, with sunlight filtering through on the left. The bottom half shows a group of five students in a shallow stream, surrounded by fallen autumn leaves. One student in a red jacket is leaning over the water, while others are looking on. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent grey box in the upper right.

### Support

Studying at BGU is a student centred experience. Staff and students work together in a friendly and supportive atmosphere as part of an intimate campus community. You will know every member of staff personally and feel confident approaching them for help and advice, and staff members will recognise you, not just by sight, but as an individual with unique talents and interests. We will be there to support you, personally and academically, from induction to graduation.

**I took my parents to all the open days and they said that it was just a lot nicer here at BGU. It made me feel better about coming here because my parents liked it."**

**Ellie**  
Geography



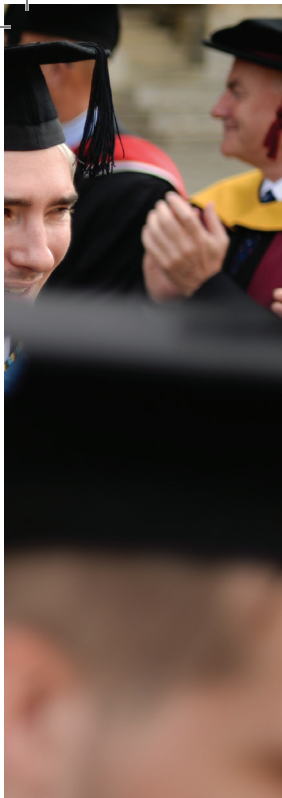
# Your future

Our students have excellent rates of employability when they graduate from BGU, which is great news for you as it means that you can study for a degree knowing that your future is in safe hands. Our employability rates are extremely important to us here at BGU, which is why we offer placement opportunities as an integral part of our courses.

Throughout this course you will acquire a number of useful skills which can be

transferred to the workplace, such as good communication skills, the ability to work effectively in groups and as an individual, good organisational and decision-making skills, effective analytical skills, and the ability to apply theory to practice. Possible future careers for geography graduates include education and teaching, town and country planning, conservation work, market research, the media and tourism and leisure.





Take a look at  
what qualities  
and skills you'll  
develop as a  
BGU student  
[bishopg.ac.uk/  
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I know that when the time draws nearer, BGU has a tremendous array of people I can talk to about my future who will have great advice and help me to come to the right decision. Since BGU has such a high employment rate for graduates, I know that whatever I choose to do BGU will help and support me in getting that role.”

**Rebecca**

History



## Why BGU?

Here at BGU we've been providing first-class education to students for over 150 years. We're based in the heart of historic Lincoln, a beautiful and extremely student-friendly city.

Navigating around Lincoln on foot is simple, from the cobbled streets uphill to the modern city centre and waterfront downhill.

We're located uphill on an attractive, leafy campus just a few minutes' walk from Lincoln's medieval Cathedral, Castle and Bailgate area.

With plenty of live entertainment, cultural attractions and nightlife hotspots, there's plenty to keep you entertained, uphill and downhill.

Visit [bishopg.ac.uk/lincoln](https://www.bishopg.ac.uk/lincoln) to find out what's on offer in Lincoln.



“

BGU was always my first choice when considering universities. Everything about it is beautiful, from the leafy green trees to red brick buildings – and everything on the inside is just amazing.”

**Sian**

English Literature

As a single-site campus, just about everything you need is close by, whether it be your tutors, your friends, your lectures or the places in which you like to relax.

Our students are some of the happiest in the UK, which is incredibly important to us. We really care about our students and aim to support them all of the way through their studies, from application to graduation.

People often say that there's something special about BGU, that the people really care. There's a warm and friendly feel to life here, and we do everything possible to look after our students however we can.

Studying as part of a close-knit community, you'll get to know staff personally and feel confident in being able to approach them for help and

Explore what we have to offer on our campus at [bishopg.ac.uk/campus](https://bishopg.ac.uk/campus)

“

I came here on an Open Day and really loved it. My first impression at the Open Day was that I really liked it because it was smaller – you go to some universities and they are really massive, scary big city campuses, but here I felt really comfortable.”

**Hayley**  
Education Studies



advice. Staff will recognise you - not just by sight but as an individual with unique talents, interests and needs. We'll be there to support you, academically and personally, from the day you start until long after you leave.

Life after BGU is extremely important and we offer many different methods

of support for your future career. This, alongside our talented graduates, is one of the reasons that we consistently achieve impressive employability figures.

This is great news for you as you'll be able to study at BGU knowing that your education is in safe hands!

There's no better way to really get a feel for what BGU has to offer than by coming to visit us. To book your place now visit **bishopg.ac.uk/opensdays**





The family feel is exactly why people should study at BGU. BGU becomes your home regardless of your age or background. In fact, I felt such a connection with the University on my first visit that I went to five Open Days before I started my BA. I wanted to be part of BGU straight away and I know it will stay with me forever.”

**Kate**

Drama in the Community  
& MA in Education

# What happens next?

## Open Days

So you've found a course you're interested in - what next? We feel very strongly that coming along to visit us on an Open Day is the very best way to find out everything about BGU.

A BGU Open Day is designed with you in mind, to give you a taste of what it's like to live, study and work here. We try to make everything as easy as possible for you, so you can relax and enjoy the day. You'll have the chance to explore the campus and surrounding area,

Speak to members of academic staff about the courses you're interested in, look around our accommodation, and get any questions you may have answered.

Book your place on our next Open Day now - visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk/opendays**

If you think you'd like to apply, need more information or just want to speak to somebody about your options, contact our Enquiries team by calling **01522 583658** or emailing **enquiries@bishopg.ac.uk**




**Ready to apply?** Brilliant. We can't wait to receive your application! For the majority of our courses you will apply through UCAS – visit **www.bishopg.ac.uk** for all the information you will need. And don't worry – if you need help with anything, from UCAS scores to personal statements, we're here to help. Our dedicated team are ready to answer your queries and questions.

The contents of this booklet are correct at the time of going to print (January 2020). For full and up-to-date information on all of our courses, visit **bishopg.ac.uk**

# Where are we?



## Airports close to BGU

-  Humberside
-  Doncaster
-  Nottingham East Midlands

| Where      | Road      | Rail    |
|------------|-----------|---------|
| Sheffield  | 55 miles  | 1hr 20m |
| Nottingham | 39 miles  | 55m     |
| Leeds      | 77 miles  | 2hrs    |
| York       | 69 miles  | 1hr 45m |
| London     | 144 miles | 2hrs    |

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I'd say the best thing  
about BGU for me  
is the course. I was  
never good at exams  
and I hated school  
all the way through,  
but now I've come to  
university I've been  
much happier and I've  
done better than I ever  
thought possible.”

Georgina  
Theology

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