Geography is the study of distributions, patterns, and movements across space, both physical and social. Human geographers study the geographic patterns of various human activities: economic, political, and cultural. Physical geographers focus on the geography of physical processes and their effects: the geography of weather and climate. At Ohio State students choose from five specializations: Environment and Society; Urban, Regional, and Global Studies; Climatic Studies; Physical Geography; and Spatial Analysis.

**Career Areas/Job Titles:**

**Management and Industry**
- Urban Planner
- Land Development Analyst
- Real Estate
- Appraiser/Researcher
- Environmental Planner
- Natural Hazards Specialist
- Cultural Ecologist
- Demographer
- Historical Preservationist
- Conservationist
- Environmental Planner

**Water/Air Quality Specialist**
- Flood Plain Manager
- Location or Region Expert
- Industry Consultant
- Economist

**Communication and Media**
- Cartographer
- Graphic Designer

**Education**
- Professor
- K-12 Teacher
- Archivist

**Non-Profit/Advocacy**
- Peace Corp Member
- Fundraiser/Development Officer
- Community Organizer

**Government/Politics**
- Politician
- Public Policy Analyst
- Lobbyist
- Attorney: Environmental Law

**Transferable Skills:**

- Artistic Design
- Computer Programming
- Mathematical Skills
- Editing
- Speaking Effectively
- Technical Writing
- Use Technology Effectively
- Written Communication
- Social Perceptiveness
- Teaching/Instructing Others
- Teamwork
- Defining Needs
- Forecasting/Predicting
- Identifying Problems
- Research Skills
- Setting Goals
- Adaptability/Flexibility
- Attention to Detail
- Judgment & Decision Making
- Managing Time/Stress
- Administrative Skills
- Prioritizing Tasks
- Strategic Planning/Visioning
- Creating Innovative Solutions
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Data Analysis
- Analytical/Critical Thinking

*Some careers may require licensure, certification, or further education. Talk to an advisor about specific requirements.*

**Professional Links:**

- The Association for GIS Professionals: [http://www.urisa.org/career_center](http://www.urisa.org/career_center)
- OSU Meteorology Club: [http://www.geography.osu.edu/metclub/](http://www.geography.osu.edu/metclub/)
- OSU Geography Club: [http://geogclub.org.ohio-state.edu/](http://geogclub.org.ohio-state.edu/)