

## Career Information for Geography

A College of Social Sciences Major

### General Overview Information

Geography is the study of people, plants, animals, and natural resources, and how each affects the Earth. Students learn to observe relationships found in different environments. They learn about mapping methods. They may learn to apply their findings to land use planning.

### Do You Have These Characteristics?

Intellectual Curiosity & Creativity · Think Logically & Methodically ·  
Possess Systematic Work Habits · Excellent Oral Communication Skills  
Understanding of Group Dynamics · Ability to Gather & Organize Data

### Salary Information Can Be Found At:

[www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm](http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm)

[www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org)

[www.stcloudstate.edu/careerservices](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/careerservices)

### What Can You Do?

- Land Developer
- Aerial Photo Interpreter
- Site Researcher
- Land-Use Analyst
- Geographic Information Systems
- Transportation Analyst
- Cartography Compiler
- Natural Resources Specialist
- Tourism Planner
- Convention/Meeting Planner
- College/University Professor
- Environmental Impact Analyst
- Market Research Analyst

### Where Can You Work?

- Federal, State & Local Government
- Textbook & Map Publishing Companies
- Convention/Visitor Bureaus
- Manufacturing & Retail Firms
- Real Estate Developers
- Incentive Travel Companies
- Scientific & Research Groups
- Forestry, Mining, Engineering, Architectural,  
& Surveying Firms
- Colleges & Universities
- Regional Planning Agencies
- Public Utilities Companies
- ....and MORE!!

### Resources

- SCSU Geography – [www.stcloudstate.edu/geog](http://www.stcloudstate.edu/geog)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook – [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos040.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos040.htm)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook – [www.bls.gov/oco/ocos057.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos057.htm)
- Geo Job Source – [www.geojobs.org](http://www.geojobs.org)
- The GIS Jobs Clearinghouse – [www.gjc.org](http://www.gjc.org)
- Association of American Geographers – [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org)
- National Geographic Society – [www.nationalgeographic.com](http://www.nationalgeographic.com)
- *Career Opportunities in Conservation and the Environment*
- *Career Opportunities in Science*
- *Careers for Nature Lovers & Other Outdoor Types*
- *National Trade and Professional Associations*
- *The ECO Guide to Careers that Make a Difference*  
(Books are available at SCSU Career Services Center)