

Geography and Environment

The focus of Geography at LSE is on spatial and location dimensions of economic, social and environmental processes and problems. As we attempt to sustainably improve human welfare and environmental quality, it is vital that we have a good understanding of the social, political and economic forces which shape development and social change in our interdependent global economy.

Departmental Facts

The Department of Geography and Environment at LSE offers a unique opportunity to study Human Geography and Environmental Social Science/Policy in a university institution which enjoys a world-wide reputation as an international centre of academic excellence for the study of the Social Sciences - a reputation endorsed by the 2001 national Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) which confirmed the Department's place at the very forefront of the elite group of research-oriented UK universities with a 'Very Good' rating (5A). The Department was ranked 1st in the UK Good University Guide 2007 and 2nd in the 2007 Times Good University Guide.

Careers

Graduates from the Department are equipped with a portfolio of skills which are much sought after by employers in all sectors. The Department produces

highly trained geographers who are proficient in economic, social and environmental geography and who appreciate the importance of good organization and effective communication.

Specific skills gained from studying Geography and Environment at LSE include:

- the ability to understand and manipulate statistical data and make decisions based on that data;
- the ability to absorb and evaluate both qualitative and quantitative information;
- being able to critically examine information before accepting it.

In addition to completing further study, recent graduates have gone on to work in the areas of management services; planning; consultancy, marketing and teaching.

Geography and Environment courses

available to General Course students include:

GY100 Environment, Economy and Society	GY220 Environment: Science and Society
GY103 Contemporary Europe	GY222 Economic Analysis of the Environment
GY120 The Natural Environment	GY244 London's Geographies: An Introduction to Cultural and Historical Geography
GY121 Environmental Change and Sustainable Development	GY300 Theories of Regional Development and Change
GY140 Methods in Spatial and Social Analysis	GY301 Political Geography of Development and the South
GY200 Economy, Society and Space	GY302 Urban Development: Politics, Policy and Planning
GY201 Location and Spatial Analysis	GY303 The Geography of Gender: Global Perspectives
GY202 Introduction to Development in the South	GY321 Environmental Politics and Policy
GY205 Political Geographies, Policy and Space	GY323 Environmental Assessment and Management