Human Geography

ABOUT HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Human Geography explores the relationship between people and their environment. This relationship is complex and constantly changing, and it presents major challenges such as rapid urbanisation, environmental degradation, climate change, uneven global development, rising socioeconomic inequality and poverty.

Why study Human Geography

Human Geography explores the causes, consequences and debates about possible solutions of some of the most important issues facing human societies today: environmental degradation, climate change, globalisation, social inequality and poverty, natural disasters and human vulnerability. By studying Human Geography you will gain knowledge, analytical methods, and critical thinking skills related to the urban and regional development and environmental policy and management sectors. You will look at the social context in which environmental disasters such as droughts, earthquakes, epidemics, fires and floods and other weather extremes occur. You will consider how to achieve social equality and economic development.

What are some of the topics Human Geography explores?

In your first year you will take introductory units in Human Geography to build a strong foundation for your further studies. Your first year subjects include:

» The global challenge (an introduction to international development and environmental issues)
» Extreme earth! Natural hazards and human vulnerability

In second and third year you will be able to choose units that reflect your interests and career aspirations, you may choose to take units such as:

» Cities and sustainability
» Power and poverty: International development in a globalised world
» Resource evaluation and management
» Contemporary issues in social science research
» Remote sensing of the environment
» Climate change and variability
» Geographical analysis

How Human Geography fits into your Arts degree

You can study Human Geography as major, minor or simply as elective units towards your degree.

Complementary areas of study

Both Arts and Science faculties at Monash offer a range of majors, minors and electives that will contribute to your understanding of Human Geography, some of these are:

» Politics
» Anthropology
» Sociology
» Environmental science
» International studies
» Indigenous cultures and histories
» Human rights

Career prospects

You will be prepared to work in sustainable policy development and practice across a wide range of industry sectors such as:

» State and federal government departments
» International aid agencies
» NGOs
» Private and public research organisations
» Infrastructure agencies
» Environmental and community based organisations

Location: Clayton
Available as: Major, Minor or as elective units

From our students

"As a geography teacher I am able to draw skills I attained from my Geography major in the Bachelor of Arts.

Skills which enable students to understand the interconnection of people, places and environments, analyse maps and data and also identify significant differences between developed and developing countries.

My passion for Geography was definitely sparked during my Bachelor of Arts, where academics inspired me to educate the younger generations on finding solutions to create a more sustainable environment.

Through this, I have been able to employ skills and geographic knowledge to engage my students and encourage them to develop an appreciation of our world."

Katerina Floros
Graduate

For more information:
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