



WHAT IS GEOGRAPHY?

Geography is a field that bridges social sciences with natural sciences. It studies the physical features of the Earth's surface, atmosphere, and inhabitants. There are two branches: human geography and physical geography. Human geography studies culture, communities, economies and how these factors interact to change political borders, resources and landscapes physical geography is concerned with processes and patterns in the natural environment.

INTERESTS

(THINGS YOU LIKE TO DO)

- Travel
- Learning about different cultures
- Developing theories
- Environmental issues
- Coordinating data and resources
- Sketching and mapping out things
- Working outdoors

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SKILLS

(THINGS YOU WILL LEARN & USE)

- Data analysis
- Time management
- Detail orientated
- Computer literacy
- Cultural competency
- Read and analyze maps
- Observational skills
- Critical thinking
- Visualization skills

LAVC DEGREES & CERTIFICATES OFFERED

Geography is housed under the Earth Science Department at Los Angeles Valley College. It deals with the impacts of humans on the environment and the location and patterns of physical features and processes, climate and biogeographical regions, geo- morphology, human settlements, land use and resources. Students acquire a global perspective that provides a foundation for a deeper understanding of the development of human society and Earth. LAVC offers the following degrees:

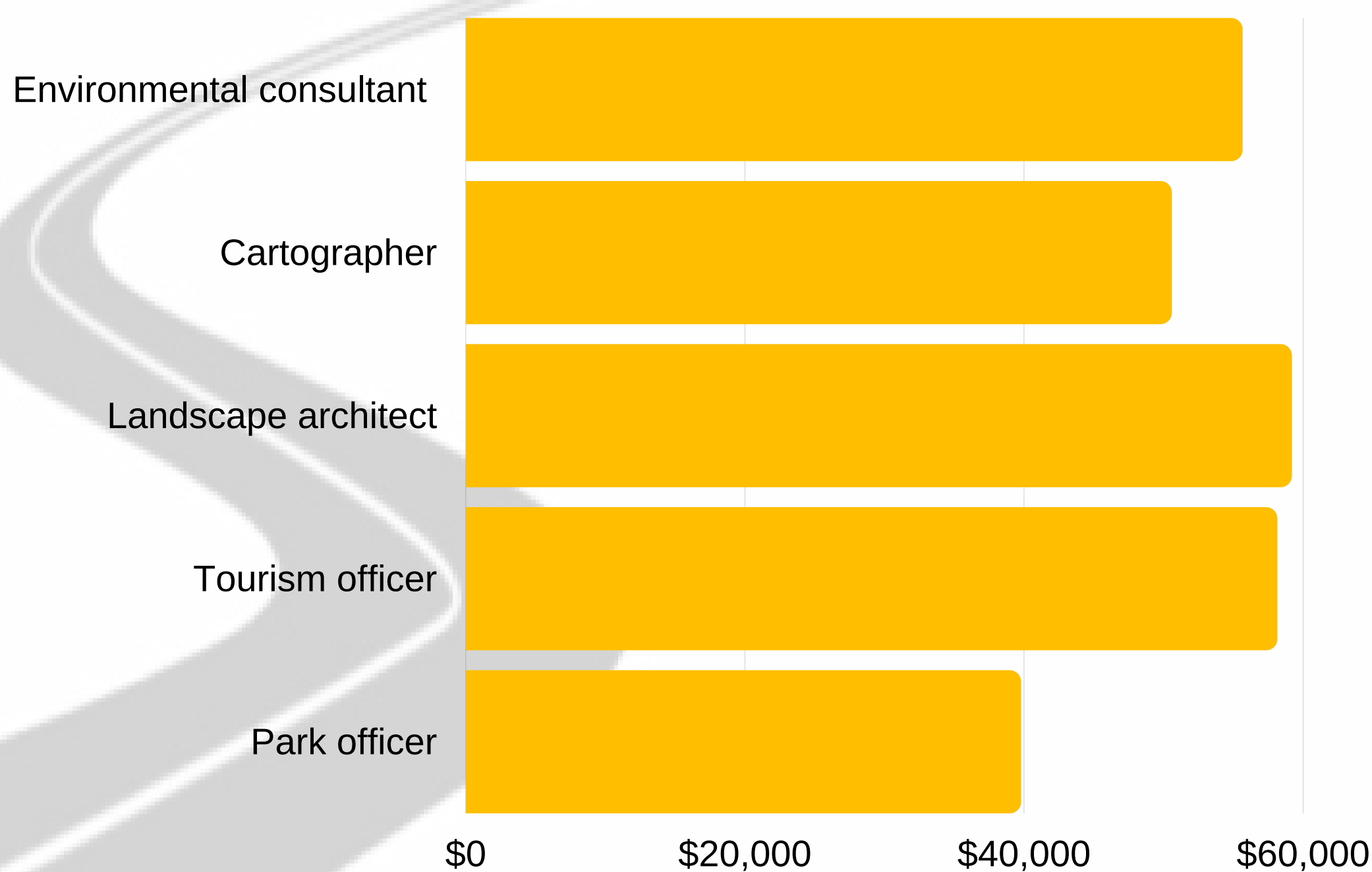
- **Associate of Arts for Transfer (AA-T) in Geography**
- **Associate of Arts (AA) in Geography**

TRANSFER RELATED MAJORS

- **Cal Poly Pomona:** Geography - Geospatial Analysis
- **San Diego State:** Geography - Geographic Information Science and Technology
- **Chico State:** Geography - Physical and Environmental Geography
- **CSU Dominguez Hills:** Geography - Earth and Environment
- **Sacramento State:** Geography - Metropolitan Area Planning
- **CSU San Bernardino:** Geography
- **CSU Los Angeles:** Geography - Environmental Geography, Geographic Information Systems, or Urban Analysis
- **CSU Northridge:** Geographic Information Science
- **UC Los Angeles:** Geography/Environmental Studies
- **UC Berkeley:** Geography
- **UC Santa Barbara:** Geography



EARNINGS*



*Earnings can vary by occupation and experience. The following are median wages as of 2018 in California based on CaliforniaCareerZone.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- www.lavc.edu/transfer
- [https://www.lavc.edu/earthscience/degrees-certificates/Geography-\(AA\).aspx](https://www.lavc.edu/earthscience/degrees-certificates/Geography-(AA).aspx)
- <https://www.lavc.edu/earthscience/index.aspx>
- www.assist.org
- www.eureka.org
- www.cacareerzone.org
- www.onetonline.org
- <http://degrees.calstate.edu/>
- https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/counselors/files/undergraduate_majors_list.pdf

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

- Environmental consultant
- Cartographer
- City planner
- Landscape architect
- Land surveyor
- Geographic information specialist
- Professor
- Tourism officer
- National park service officer
- Information scientist



POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS

- Landscaping companies
- Construction companies
- Environmental agencies
- Non-profit companies
- Private businesses
- Government agencies
- Colleges/universities

This general information is provided by the LAVC Career/Transfer Center. For specific information about majors and careers please make an appointment to see a counselor either online, in person at the Counseling Department (Student Services Annex) or by phone at (818) 947-2474.