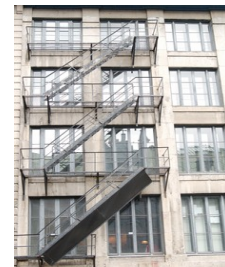




Kate
Chartered Surveyor

How I got here

At A Level I studied geography, English, psychology and German. Prior to University I already had an interest in property, but I wanted to be flexible and keep my options open so I thought geography would be a good choice as it was always an area that I was interested in. I studied geography at Cambridge and on leaving I got a job with my current employer, *Allsop Property Consultants*. I did a masters degree for two years and qualified to become a Chartered Surveyor.



What my job entails

In my work in the residential evaluation department I see a broad range of properties. I go out and value them, inspect the properties and write up a report which usually goes to a bank. Usually we value for loan security so if someone is re-mortgaging or purchasing a new property we advise the bank. With surveying you are out and about, not tied to your desk! You get to see a wide variety of property all over the country and no two days are the same.



How I use my geographical skills

I have quite specialist skills in relation to property and the built environment coming from a human geography background. But more generally, in the work of business, I think geography is considered to be a very good subject to have studied, it's considered along the lines of business studies or economics, but because you haven't specialised too much you have a broad range of skills and that appeals to employers.



What I love about geography

Geography is such an important part of our understanding of the world and that's why I think it's important that people chose to study it. I always enjoyed it at school because you are seeing different things and doing different things and that's what inspired me to do geography at University.

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