In 2011, the Department of Geography surveyed 294 recent graduate alumni.

Key questions focused on:
- the pertinence of a graduate degree;
- employment success rate;
- relevant educational knowledge; and
- overall graduate experience.
Over 90% of Geography graduate students agreed that their degree was worthwhile for personal and professional development.

“Great opportunity – UWO Geography has a faculty that is generally very engaged with the grad student population ... well-funded with unique research opportunities.”

“I learned to think creatively at UWO, and how to organize those thoughts into powerful arguments that I use on a daily occasion.”

“I developed a research oriented method of thinking, writing and presentation skills which are very valuable for higher studies and in the job market.”

Graduate degree at UWO was worthwhile for personal development?
81% of graduate students in the Department of Geography obtained employment since completing their degree.

94% of those jobs were full-time positions in the graduate students chosen field.

“Going to grad school in Geography at Western was a very good decision, and one that will help me adapt to a changing job market.”

“I enjoyed my years of graduate study at UWO Geography ... I appreciate [the departments] academic advice and friendship. With their help, I acquired many necessary skills and capabilities that prepared me for my current job.”

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Graduate Degree at UWO was worthwhile for professional development?

- Strongly Agree
- Somewhat Agree
“I love what I do and it wouldn’t be possible if it were not for my graduate degree. Completing my Master’s degree was the best decision I ever made and I am grateful for the excellent support I received from the UWO Geography department.”

“My graduate experience at UWO was perhaps one of the best things in my career as an academic. I will always look on my time there fondly.”
Graduate students have reported that since completing their degree, they have been hired as:

- Senior Planner
- Hydrologist
- Postdoctoral Researcher
- GIS Manager
- Economic Development Officer
- Associate Professor
- Protected Areas Planner
- Consultant
- Urban Planner

and the list goes on …

“Overall, the experience and skills gained at UWO were crucial for my current job.”

“I enjoyed my time at UWO Geography. It is a great department [which] provided me with an excellent graduate school experience.”