

Amy- Crime intelligence analyst

Amy Ogoe is a Crime Intelligence Analyst for the Metropolitan Police.

What A Level combination did you study?
Chemistry, Biology and Geography (and A/S IT)

Why did you choose Geography at University?
Because I enjoyed Geography at school, and wasn't 100% sure what subject to do at university as there were so many courses to choose from. Therefore I thought that geography would be a very good grounding for any career I decided to follow in the future (at the time I was thinking of teaching).

At which University did you read Geography?
Queen Mary & Westfield (University of London)

When?
Sept 96 – June 99

Please give an outline of your employment history after graduating (most recent at the top):
Metropolitan Police Service- Crime Intelligence Analyst
Newham Council- Administrator (Member Services)
Prospectus- Various temporary positions obtained through an employment agency
Lloyds TSB Bank- Call centre advisor

What skills do you think you have developed through studying Geography?
Written skills i.e. report writing
Oral skills i.e. presentation skills
Innovative thinking
Influencing skills
IT skills

Do you think Geography has helped you with past/current jobs? How?
The processes involved in a geography degree can be applied to most places of work. It has definitely enabled me to think of the bigger picture when tackling problems at work.

What advice would you give a 6th former who is good at Geography and considering studying it at degree level?
It touches on many facets of everyday life, as mentioned above it is a very good base for most jobs. I would make the student aware that at degree level geography is split into human and physical geography and I found combining the two very enjoyable as opposed to concentrating on one or the other. Geography at degree level is a combination of many different subjects such as biology, physics, chemistry, maths, IT and even art, which is why I think it appeals to so many people.

Are there any other ways you feel that geography and your career structure may be linked?
In my current position the work I carry out is very much split into people and places as with geography, similarly the work I carried out for the council was also split in the same way.

Do you feel that studying Geography has meant you could reach your career goals? Why/why not?
In terms of what achieved so far I would say that it has helped me reach my career goals. At school and university I didn't have a life plan of what career I was going to follow. I prefer to experience different jobs, and I have finally decided that I would like a career in criminal intelligence.

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