

Attention all first and second-year students!

I would like to introduce you to the **Geography Student Society (GSS)** at the University of Guelph. This is a group of students, from a variety of academic backgrounds, with a shared interest in geography. We meet on Wednesdays at 5:45pm for discussions, game nights, social hours, academic help, and more. You do not have to have ANY background knowledge in geography, or be a student of the Department of Geography, Environment, and Geomatics, to attend.

We are excited to announce our newest initiative, the **BEARINGS** program! Through a series of fun quiz questions, we will pair first and second-year students with an interest in geography with an upper-year student from the GSS. These students, your “Compasses”, will act as mentors, academic support, and friends, ready to assist you with all aspects of student life. Are you looking for academic assistance in navigating courses, study tips, information on grad school, or making connections with professors? Are you interested in meeting students that share common interests, learning about volunteer and job opportunities in geography, or do you just need help finding a good place to eat in the city? If so, Bearings is the program for you!

This program is designed to be cooperative between you and your Compass. You can arrange how and when you will communicate with your Compass, and know that they will always be there to guide you on the right path.

Our launch event for Bearings will be this upcoming Wednesday, September 29th, after our regularly scheduled meeting at 5:45pm, where you can ask questions about the program and sign-up to take part. More information, as well as the meeting location, will be posted to our social media page. We hope to see you there.

To stay up-to-date on all GSS activities, give us a follow on Instagram: **@uofg.geogsociety**

You can message our Instagram directly or contact the GSS executive members at our email address, **geogsoc@uoguelph.ca** , for any additional questions.

Thanks everyone!

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