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Master of Science in Geology, 2013

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Kirk is currently a Knowledge Analyst and Web App Developer at the Boston Consulting Group in Boston, MA. His works support a wide variety of client cases ranging from Telco to Consumer Goods with geospatial analytics. He is also tasked with building web applications for in-house web GIS systems which other teams within the company use.

Kirk studied for his Bachelor and Master degrees in Geology at The University of Toledo (UT) from 2009 to 2013. He thinks the best thing to do during your study is to meet as many people in your field as possible and to show them what you have learned through the program. “Engaging”, he said, while asked about the working/studying experience in the Department of Environmental Sciences. He says that “much of my coursework is completely unrelated to my current job”. On the other hand, he credits the hands-on experience in the research lab and the peer review process for paper publication for what has really helped him the most through his career. He learned the most while preparing research presentation at conferences and going to meet people from different fields. “Do whatever it takes to get your name out there”, he recommends.

Kirk suggests current undergraduate students to take an internship in one of the research labs in (DES). He encourages students to figure out what tools the industry is using and to find a professor that can show you how to use it. He recommends to “learn as many new tools as you can because when you get a job, you can easily get up to speed on what you'll need to know”. He also points out the importance of preparing oneself for public speaking and communication, such as being a teaching assistant.

“Teaching courses is one of the best things you can do for your career.”

