

A Level Geography



Why study Geography?

Geography is a broad based academic subject which will open up options for you in your future. Employers and universities see geography as a robust academic subject rich in skills, knowledge and understanding. A Level Geography covers both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment. Geography can be read at the university-level, but it also opens doors to other degrees such as business and administrative studies, law, engineering and technology, and the other social physical sciences.

Exam Board:
OCR

Overview of course content

A Level (specification code: H481)

Examination	% of A Level
Paper 1 – Physical Systems (Assessed on Landscape Systems, Coastal Landscapes and Earth's Life Support Systems) Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (66 marks)	22%
Paper 2 – Human Interaction (Changing Spaces; Making Places, Global Connections, Global Migration and Power and Borders) Exam duration: 1 hour 30 minutes (66 marks)	22%
Paper 3 – Geographical Debates (Assessed on Disease Dilemmas and Hazardous Earth) Exam duration: 2 hours 30 minutes (108 marks)	36%
Non-exam assessment: Investigative Geography (Assessed on independent investigation) (60 marks)	20%

Topics

This course will focus on four key areas of geographical study:

Physical Systems

Through the study of Physical systems, learners will develop an understanding and appreciation of Landscape Systems, contextualised through coastal landscapes, and Earth's Life Support Systems, which encompasses the water and carbon cycles vital to our planet.

Human Interactions

Learners will explore Human interactions through the study of Global Connections (focusing on the systems of migration and sovereignty on a global scale), and Changing Spaces; Making Places, which gives learners an insight into the nature of places and the fluidity of their meanings and representations.

Geographical Debates

Geographical debates allows learners to explore in depth two of the most challenging, dynamic and fascinating issues of the 21st century; disease and tectonic hazards. Exploring the implications on people and the environment is at the heart of this component.

Investigative Geography

Investigative Geography gives you the opportunity to undertake an independent investigation which is of particular interest, which can be related to any area of the specification.

Careers/Future Opportunities

There is a wide range of opportunities post this qualification, including: cartographer; commercial/residential surveyor; landscape architect; environmental consultant; geographical information systems officer; planning and development surveyor; geography teacher; and much more!



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