

Geography A Level

Examination Board:
Edexcel

Entry Requirements:
Grade 4 in Mathematics and
English PLUS Grade 9-5 in
Geography

Potential Career Opportunities:

The study of Geography can lead into a variety of areas of study at University. Geography is a subject respected and desired by Universities. The Russell Group of Universities name Geography among its list of 'facilitating subjects'.

Students who have studied Geography often go on to read undergraduate Geography, Economics, Law, Sociology, Environmental Science or Geology. Students who study Geography often go on to careers that require critical thinking such as Environmental Sciences, Planning, Earth Science, Archaeology or Teaching.

Course Overview:

Topic 1 : Tectonic processes and hazards

A study of tectonic hazards and how they can be managed. Evaluating responses that can mitigate social and economic impacts and allow humans to adapt to hazard occurrences.

Topic 2 : Landscape systems, processes and change

A study of the physical processes behind coastal landscapes and an investigation into threats faced in these areas.

Topic 3 : Globalisation

A study of the opportunities and challenges created by globalisation and global interdependence.

Topic 4 : Diverse places

How do local places vary? How are these changes driven?

Topic 5: The water cycle and water insecurity

Water plays a key role in supporting life on Earth. What are the issues around water on a global and local scale?

Topic 6: The carbon cycle and energy security

Investigating the carbon cycle. How and why has it changed?

Topic 7: Climate change future

Developing a link between the water and carbon cycle. Future climate change poses a serious threat to the health of the planet. What are the adaptation and mitigation strategies?

Topic 8 : Superpowers

Superpowers and emerging superpowers have a very significant impact on the global economy, politics and environment.

Topic 9 : Global development and connections; Migration, Identity and Sovereignty

Exploring the tensions that can result due to globalisation and migration.

Coursework: Independent Investigation

You are required to undertake an independent investigation that involves fieldwork. The end product is a written report of 3,000-4,000 words. You define a question or issue relating to the course content.

Assessment:

Paper	Length	% of A Level
Physical Geography	2 hr	30%
Human Geography	2 hr	30%
Synoptic Paper	1 hr 45 mins	20%

Coursework is worth 20% of the A Level.

Why would this course suit me?

This course would suit you if you are interested in how the world works. Geography is all around us and shapes the world we live in. What effect does an earthquake in China have on the world? How will climate change affect us? Throughout the course you will develop critical thinking skills to analyse and evaluate different information sources to come to informed conclusions. This course will prepare you for University by teaching you to analyse information and make informed judgements.

How does this course link to other subjects?

Other subjects that complement the study of Geography are; English, Psychology, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Economics, Law and the Sciences.

