

A Level Geography

Exam Board: Edexcel

Course content

The A Level course gives students the opportunity to develop an understanding of physical, human, and environmental geography. The course considers current situations around the world, allowing students to question and challenge how issues develop and are dealt with.



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Year 1:

Tectonic Processes and Hazards:

Causes, impacts and responses to tectonic hazards e.g. earthquakes and volcanoes. Develop an understanding of risk and vulnerability in different locations through case studies.

Regenerating places: How urban and rural localities have changed over time. The attempts made to improve the quality of life of people who live in the UK and international localities.

Coastal Landscapes and Change:

Physical processes which go into developing our diverse and dynamic coastal environment.

Globalisation: Global interdependence and change, and opportunities for businesses and people.

Year 2:

The water cycle: Students learn about the physical processes which control the circulation of water. How water insecurity is becoming a global issue with serious consequences and the range of different approaches to managing water supply.

The Carbon Cycle: Physical processes which control the movement of carbon between stores on land, the oceans and the atmosphere.

Superpowers: Develop an in depth understanding of how geopolitics change the pattern of dominance over time. Their impact on global economy, global politics and environment.

Independent investigation: This is an exciting opportunity to allow students to pursue their own personal

interests and produce an in depth study through fieldwork.

Assessment:

There are three exams, each is 2 hours 15 minutes. Paper 1 and 2 are weighted at 30% each and paper 3 is weighted at 20%.

The independent investigation is worth 20% of the qualification.

Fieldwork:

The course requires one physical geography fieldtrip (coastal) and one human geography fieldtrip (regeneration in London). They will also undertake a more in depth third piece of fieldwork to support their independent study. There are multiple opportunities to attend course enrichment lectures and a student conference run various organisations such as the Royal Geographical Society.

Progression:

Students who gain a Geography degree are the most employable graduates across all degrees with the exception of career specific degrees. This is due to all the transferrable skills and wide understanding of the world they develop. A degree in Geography opens the door to careers such as meteorologist, town planning, law, surveyor, jobs in conservation and the environment, politics and charity sector.

Entry Requirements:

GCSE Grade 5 or above in Geography.