

# GEOGRAPHY



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This evening we  
are going to  
tell you about:

- Why A-level geography?
- Course structure
- Assessment
- Potential degree routes from the A-Level?
- Subjects that work well with this subject?
- Careers in geography



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# What do the experts say?

It's the must-have  
A-level"  
Guardian

With the growing importance of issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation, spatial epidemiology and inequalities, geography is one of the most relevant courses you could choose to study" RGS

"Statistics for employability consistently show that geography graduates are highly employable, working across a wide range of sectors and roles." RGS

"Geography graduate earnings outperform many other subjects, including Technology, Biosciences and History"  
Department for education

“I like geography as it has helped me understand and world around me and view the world from different perspectives”

“I didn't take geography at GCSE, but my teachers have been really supportive in helping me catch up and I am really enjoying the course”

“I chose geography as it enables to me to keep my option open, it covers many different topics and enabled me to develop skills that I can use for all of my subjects”

“I chose geography as it helps me with many of my other subjects”

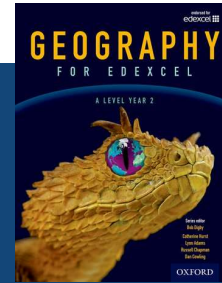
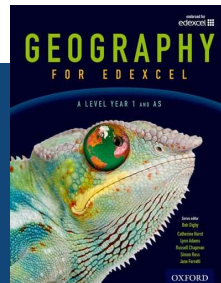
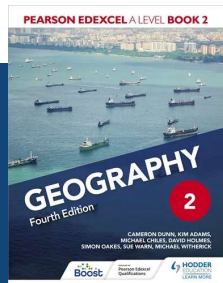
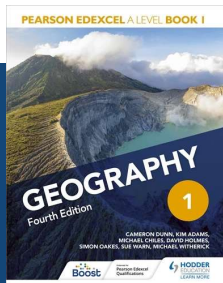
“I like learning about the issues faced around the world and how we can work on solutions for them”

“I enjoy geography as everything we are learning is practical and linked to real-world problems”

## Why A-Level Geography?

There are many reasons you might decide to study geography at A level:

- You are interested in pressing global issues and enjoy learning about people and their societies, economies, cultures and the environment
- You are keen to develop a wide range of skills and apply these to solve real-world problems
- You are seeking a broad-based academic course with options to specialise, offering good and varied employment prospects



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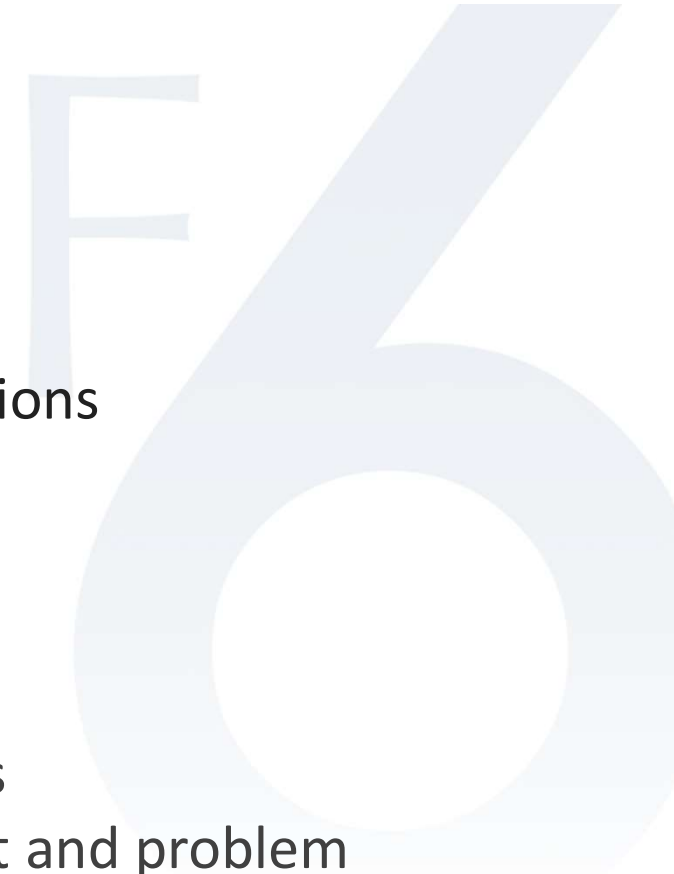
# What skills can A-Level Geography give me?

## Subject specific:

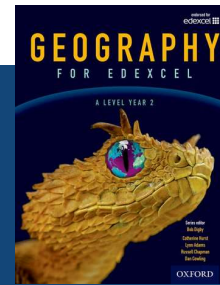
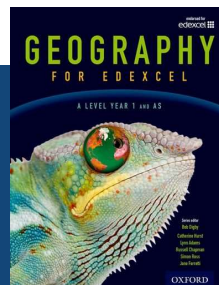
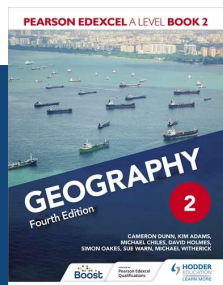
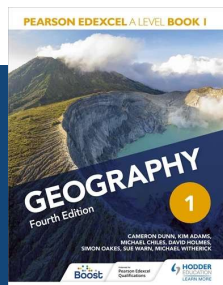
- Thinking 'spatially' across multiple scales,
- Preparing effective maps, diagrams and visualisations
- Conducting fieldwork and field data collection.

## General skills:

- Developing a reasoned argument
- Critical thinking
- The ability to think about moral and ethical issues
- Team work, communication, project management and problem solving



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# Course structure

## UNIT 1: Dynamic landscapes

### TOPIC 1:

Tectonic processes and hazards

### TOPIC 2:

Coasts

TOPIC 5: The water cycle and water insecurity

TOPIC 6: The Carbon cycle and energy security

## UNIT 2: Dynamic places

### TOPIC 3:

Globalisation

### TOPIC 4:

Regeneration

### TOPIC 7:

Superpowers

### TOPIC 8B:

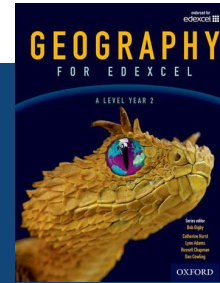
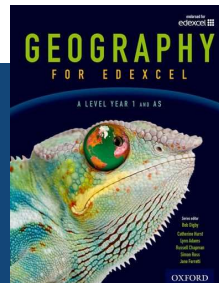
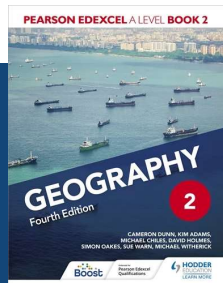
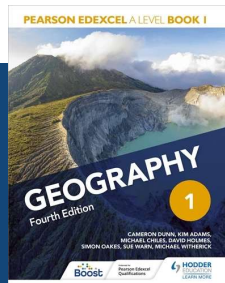
Migration

## Unit 3: Synoptic investigations

Synoptic knowledge from unit 1 and 2. DM exercise

## Unit 4: Independent investigations

4 days fieldwork that contribute towards data collection for Geographic investigation and submitted as coursework



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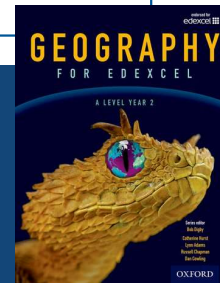
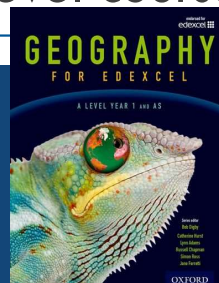
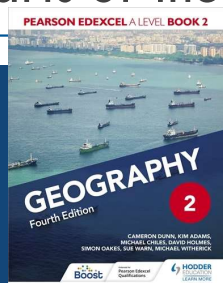
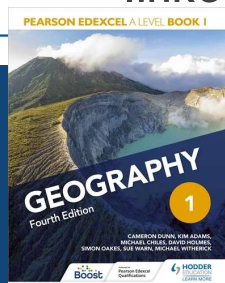
# Assessment

Exam total as 80% of the course

- Paper 1- 105 marks 2hr 15mins
  - Based on content taught in class
- Paper 2- 105 marks 2hr 15mins
  - Based on content taught in class
- Paper 3- 70 marks 2hr 15mins
  - This exam paper requires you to use an unseen resource booklet in order to analyse a current issue. It tests your synoptic understanding of different, linked parts of the A-level course.

Independent investigation 20%

- Your OWN piece of independent coursework, relating to the content covered in lessons
- Field work is essential (either your own or part of trips)
- You then write up a 3000-4000 report, which is assessed internally



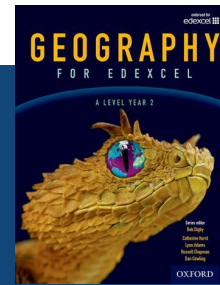
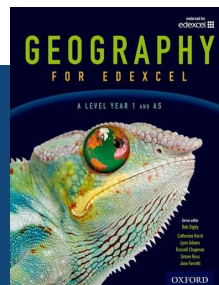
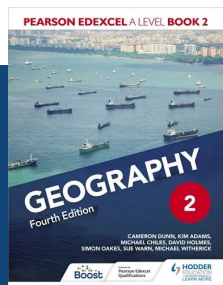
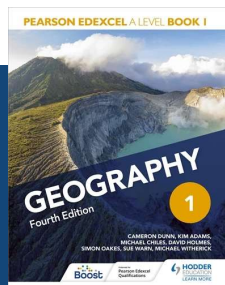
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# Where can A-Level Geography take me?

## University/degree?

- Geography- human/physical or combined, environmental science, geology, hazard management, international/sustainable development, GIS
- The Russel Group Universities consider geography as a “facilitator subject” this means that it is looked at by universities favourably. Not only does it support and underpin a very wide variety of other subjects such as sciences, other humanities, marketing, medical degrees, teaching



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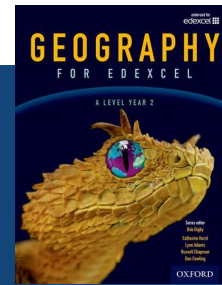
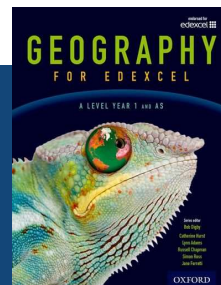
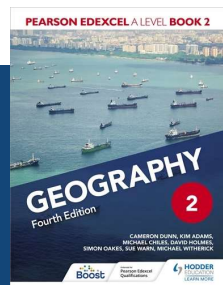
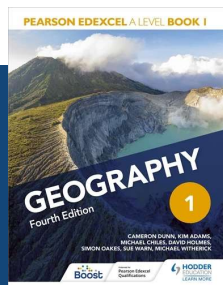
# What subjects work well with geography?

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Economics
- Law
- History
- Philosophy



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# Wat does a career in geography look like?

