



GEOGRAPHY



Geography is a fascinating subject about the environment, how places differ, how physical systems work and about how people interact with the world. Geography is about real-world events, their impacts and their different interpretations.

Key Course Information

Assessment

Linear Exams and Coursework

A-Level Geography wants the students to understand the nature and use of different types of geographical information, including qualitative and quantitative data, primary and secondary data, images, factual text and discursive/creative material, digital data, numerical and spatial data and other forms of data, including crowdsourced and 'big data'.

Geography is examined through two written exams at the end of the course. These comprise a range of short and extended answer questions on a range of geographical topics.

The coursework element is a geographical investigation focusing on fieldwork compiled during trips and visits throughout the course.

Subject Combinations

Connected subjects

For enthusiasts of human geography, delving into subjects like economics and sociology can complement well, as they provide knowledge of the key societal systems which are explored in geography.

On the other hand, if the physical side of geography captivates you, science A Levels can give you a more rounded understanding of the physical processes and natural dynamics which play an intrinsic part in geography. Ecosystem services explored in biology also align with the geography specification. For those eyeing a degree in physical geography, A Level Physics provides a core understanding of concepts such as energy and waves, which crop up in wave, wind, and magma dynamics.

Progression

Where can History take me?

Geography looks at both the physical structure of the planet *and* the social structure (i.e. how we affect our environment and how it affects us) in the past, present and future.

You could work in a variety of different fields, from digital technologies, mapping and statistics, to ecology, sustainability, and tourism. But you'll also have transferable skills that could see you work in teaching, finance, or planning.

Top UK universities state that Geography A-level is useful for courses in: Archaeology, Civil Engineering, Geology and Sociology



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