



Geography

Overview

This course allows students to develop practical and theoretical knowledge of

- How physical processes shape the world around us and how these processes impact upon people and places.
 - The complex connections between people, the economy, society and the environment.
 - Qualitative and quantitative geographical skills at A level; working with images, factual text and discursive/creative material, digital data, numerical and spatial data and innovative forms of data, including crowd-sourced and 'big data'.
 - The ability to research questions, apply relevant techniques and skills, and find appropriate ways to analyse statistical and graphical data and communicate findings.
 - The use of written and verbal reasoning skills to construct arguments that draw upon the viewpoints of various stakeholders regarding a range of sensitive issues and topics.
 - Use of Geographic Information Systems develops confidence in ICT.
- Researching, presenting, referencing, critical thinking, map-reading and scientific reasoning skills will all be honed along with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively.

Assessment

Component 1 – Physical Geography

- Section A: Water and Carbon cycles
- Section B: Coastal Environments
- Section C: Hazards

Written Examination: 2 hours 30 minutes, 120 marks, 40% of total grade.

Component 2 – Human Geography

- Section A: Global systems and global governance
- Section B: Changing Places
- Section C: Contemporary Urban Environments

Written Examination: 2 hours 30 minutes, 120 marks, 40% of total grade.

Component 3 – Geographical Investigation

- 35 marks, (4000words), 60 marks, 20% of A-level, marked by teachers, moderated by AQA

Requirements

Geography is a subject that requires a diverse set of skills, and a strong work ethic. Grade 6 qualifications in Science (Particularly Biology), English and Maths are desirable for students wishing to study Geography at Advanced level.

Exam Board



<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/as-and-a-level/geography-7037>

Progression and Career Opportunities

Geography is one of eight facilitating subjects preferred by Russell Group universities to gain access to a range of degree qualifications. Due to the diverse nature of skills gained, Geographers are amongst the most highly employed graduates. Geographers will work in a variety of roles including finance, local businesses, not-for-profit organisations, significant research or as key decision makers in local and national government, energy, transport and the environment.

"Geography has enhanced my knowledge in the sciences and developed my ability to write essays. I really enjoy learning about current events occurring around the world such as natural hazards and global climate change that I can use in my both academic studies and general conversations with others!"