

A Level Geography

What are the entry requirements?

In order to take this course we recommend that students achieve a Grade 5 or above in Geography and English Language at GCSE.

What does the course involve?

Advanced GCE in Geography consists of three externally examined papers and one coursework component. There is a balance of human and physical topics that are covered which are relevant and cover some of the key issues that the planet and human population are facing today. The topic titles are listed by paper below.

Paper 1;

Written examination: 2 hours - 30% of the qualification

Assessment overview

An externally-assessed written examination comprising four sections. Students answer all questions in Section A (Tectonic Processes and Hazards), Section C (The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity) and Section D (The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security). Students answer either Question 2 (Glaciated Landscapes and Change) or Question 3 (Coastal Landscapes and Change) in Section B.

Paper 2;

Written examination: 2 hours - 30% of the qualification

Assessment overview

An externally-assessed written examination comprising four sections. Students answer all questions in Section A (Globalisation) and Section C (Superpowers). Students answer one question from Section B (Regenerating Places and Diverse Places) and one question from Section D (Health, Human Rights and Intervention; Migration, Identity and Sovereignty).

Paper 3

Written examination: 1 hour and 45 minutes - 20% of the qualification

Assessment overview

An externally-assessed written examination comprising three sections. A resource booklet will contain information about the geographical issue. Students draw synoptically on knowledge and understanding from compulsory content drawn from different parts of the course.

Coursework: Independent Investigation

Non-examined assessment

20% of the qualification

The student defines a question or issue for investigation, relating to the compulsory or optional content. The topic may relate to any aspect of geography contained within the Specification.

Assessment overview

- The investigation report is internally assessed and externally moderated.
- The student will produce a written report of 3000–4000 words.

Fieldwork

A level requires a minimum of 4 days of fieldwork.

A level must require fieldwork to be undertaken in relation to the physical and human geography units studied. Students will undertake 2 days in the local area and take part in a residential trip to the Yorkshire coast.

There will also be an optional Iceland trip offered, that will take place every two years.

Progression

Geography has one of the highest graduate employment rates of any non-specialist degree and can lead to careers such as accountancy, teaching, governmental & civil service jobs, transport sector jobs, jobs in business and many more!

Geography is compatible with ALL other A level subjects. It combines with the Arts, Social Sciences, Languages and Sciences.

Where can I find out more information?

To find out more talk to Ms Cook, Mr Needham, Mrs King or Miss Thomas. You can also look on the Meadowhead Website or the Edexcel website for the full specification.