

Geography

What will I need before taking this course?

A Grade 6 or above in at least one of the following GCSE subjects – Geography, History or Religious Studies.

Assessment and Grading

Students will be assessed through three written exams and an independent investigation (worth 20%); Paper 1 and Paper 2 are worth 30% each and will be examined through a written 2 hour and 15 minute exam; Paper 3 is worth 20% and will be examined through a 2 hour and 15 minute exam.

How will I learn?

Students will need to have an open, inquiring and critical approach to the subject. The course is demanding and a consistently disciplined approach to study is necessary. Fieldwork is an integral part of the course.

What can I do at the end of the course?

Statistics show that compared with other subjects, Geographers are among the most employable; recent data published by the Higher Education Careers Service Unit show that only 5.8% of geography graduates were still job hunting 6 months after graduating, against an average of 7.3%. Geography unifies the divide between the sciences and the arts and therefore a wide range of career opportunities are available. Examples include law, finance, town planning, teaching and media.

What will I learn?

There are four areas of study:

Dynamic Landscapes

Within this you investigate tectonic process and hazards and landscape systems, processes and change with a focus on coastal landscapes.

Dynamic Places

Within this you will investigate the process of globalisation and shaping places with a focus on how different places can be regenerated.

Physical Systems and Sustainability

Within this you will investigate the water cycle and water insecurity, the carbon cycle and energy security and climate change futures.

Human Systems and Geopolitics

Within this you will investigate superpowers and global development and connections.

You will also undertake an independent investigation that involves fieldwork used to produce a written report. The investigation will be related to an aspect of one of the four areas of study detailed above, incorporating fieldwork and your own research and/or secondary data. The written report will evidence independent analysis and evaluation of data, presentation of data findings and extended writing.

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