



## Course Overview:

A level Geography takes an issues-based approach to studying geography, enabling students to explore and evaluate contemporary geographical questions and issues such as the consequences of globalisation, responses to hazards, water insecurity and climate change. It is a great opportunity exploring our amazing planet, and how humans interact with it.

## Topics covered

A level Geography lasts two years, with exams at the end of the second year. The table below shows what you'll learn in each year.

### TEACHERS SAY...

*Geography is such a varied subject— you could be carrying out decision making exercises, investigating geo-politics, working with scientific concepts or analysing data. It is a brilliant way to really get to grips with what is going on in the world, and establishing our place in it.*

### YOUR NOTES

First year of A level	Second year of A level
<p>Topic 1: A study of the causes and impacts of tectonic activity and responses to tectonic hazards.</p> <p>Topic 2: An integrated study of processes, landforms and landscapes.</p>	<p>Topic 5: The Water cycle, water security and future water conflicts.</p> <p>Topic 6: The Carbon cycle and the consequences for ecosystems and climate change.</p>
<p>Topic 3: A study of globalisation, its causes and consequences for different people and places.</p> <p>Topic 4: Shaping Places - the meanings and identities attached to different places and the consequences for different people.</p>	<p>Topic 7: Superpowers and the reasons for shifting economic and political power.</p> <p>Topic 8: Global Development and Connections—human rights and identity</p>
2 days of fieldwork—one each for human / physical geography	2 further days of fieldwork and an independent investigation on a topic of your choice.

## A level Geography

Examination Board:



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**Entry requirements:** Five 9 to 4 (A\* to C) with a minimum 6 (B) in Geography.

### Type of Assessment:

There are three exams at the end of the two years, all of which are 2 hours 15 minutes long. You also complete an independent investigation of an area of your choice, which is not examined but takes the form of a 3000-4000 word write up.

### This course goes well with:

... so many different subjects! Biology is one option.

### Possible degree options

According to [bestcourse4me.com](http://bestcourse4me.com), some of the degree courses taken by students who have an A level in Geography are:

- Human Geography
- Physical Geography
- Economics
- Psychology
- History
- Business Studies

## What can I do now to help me prepare for my course?

Studying Geography is fascinating and challenging in equal measure. You should ensure that you are confident using and creating a range of graphs, maps and data sources. It is essential that you have strong core geographical skills such as knowledge of place and scale. It is important that you have a good general knowledge of geographical issues such as climate change and migration and be keeping up with these issues in the news. The most important criteria for success in Geography A Level is an enquiring mind—wanting to ask questions about the world around you and then use rigorous investigative methods to explore and discover it.

<a href="https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/">https://www.geography-fieldwork.org/</a>	A great site for exploring investigations and fieldwork
<a href="http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/">http://www.coolgeography.co.uk/</a>	A variety of Geography revision materials. Not all of these are complete but many are useful
<a href="https://timeforgeography.co.uk/">https://timeforgeography.co.uk/</a>	Fascinating resources, particularly videos, of all kind of geographical events and issues
<a href="http://www.acegeography.com/">http://www.acegeography.com/</a>	Materials for a variety of geography topics
<a href="http://www.s-cool.co.uk">http://www.s-cool.co.uk</a>	Excellent revision source for both GCSE and A Level.
<a href="https://www.climaterealityproject.org/">https://www.climaterealityproject.org/</a>	A climate change campaigning website, which has some interesting stories and resources
<a href="http://app.gojimo.co/qualifications">http://app.gojimo.co/qualifications</a>	You can search for GCSE or A Level revision materials for different exam boards and subjects

### Literacy, when you...

..read around the subject, and use several sources of information to answer problems.

### Numeracy, when you...

..analyse data, draw graphs and calculate answers such as averages and ranges.

### ICT, when you...

..research current events, create presentations and assignments, as well as use of GIS.

## Possible career options:

Studying a Geography related degree at university gives you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

Conservation worker  
 Coastal engineer  
 Travel writer  
 Holiday rep  
 Youth and Community worker  
 Museum curator  
 Housing officer  
 Urban planner  
 Teacher  
 Recycling officer  
 Cartographer  
 Sustainability specialist  
 Forestry manager  
 Civil servant  
 Risk assessor