

A level Geography (Edexcel)

Course overview:

The A level course has 4 areas of study

- Dynamic Landscapes: earthquakes, volcanoes, coastal landscapes and change (Year 12)
- Dynamic Places: globalisation and diverse places (Year 12)
- Physical Systems and Sustainability: issues with water supply, carbon cycle (global warming) and energy security (Year 13)
- Human Systems and Geopolitics: superpowers, development and human rights (Year 13)

Assessment information:

Three exams:

- **Paper 1:** Physical and Environmental Geography 30%
- **Paper 2:** Human Geography (with added environmental consequences!) 30%
- **Paper 3:** an investigation into a geographical issue linked to the core content in a particular place 20%
- **Independent Investigation:** you choose! 3000-4000 words showing your investigation skills, based on fieldwork 20%

Is this course right for me?

Geography informs us about:

- The places and communities in which we live and work
- Our natural environments and the pressures they face
- The interconnectedness of the world and our communities within it
- How and why the world is changing, both globally and locally
- How our individual and societal actions contribute to those changes
- The choices that exist in managing our world for the future
- The importance of location in business and decision-making

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Complementary subjects:

Geography combines well Economics. It also complements History, Sociology and Government & Politics. Students wishing to study Geography at degree level may think of combining it with Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Geology, Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.

Career pathways:

Geography can lead to a vast range of employment opportunities. These include but are not exclusive to:

- Cartographer
- Commercial/Residential Surveyor
- Environmental Consultant
- Geographical Information Systems Officer
- Planning and Development Surveyor
- Teaching
- Town Planner

Example University courses a Geography A level could lead to:

- Geophysics
- Environmental Geoscience
- Geology

Human geography is considered to have some crossover with subjects such as:

- Economics
- Politics
- International Relations
- History