

Geography



OCR
A-Level

Overview

Geography enables students to study the natural and human world at a variety of dimensions and to consider the impact of the relationships between human and natural environments by using examples at local, national and international scales.

Aims

- ▶ To develop a personal interest in a subject that may not be offered as a specific subject or to develop an extra-curricular interest.
- ▶ To enable students to work independently through research, design, planning and presentation.

Grade Requirement

Students must achieve 5 A*-C grades at GCSE, including English Language and Mathematics. You must have a 'B' grade in GCSE Geography to be able to study this subject.

Complementary Subjects

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Economics, Business Studies, Further Mathematics

AS-Level

Managing Physical Environments

Managing Change in Human Environments

A2-Level

Global Issues - Environmental and Economic Issues

Geographical Skills - Data Collection and Fieldwork



Studying Geography allows students to make sense of and explain their own environment as well as topical global issues such as Natural Disasters, Economic Crisis, Migration and Globalisation. Geography allows students to develop research, analytical and organisational skills and makes you aware of other cultures and societies at different levels of development.

Students should have an interest in learning about the physical and human environments around them at a variety of different scales, how they are changing, the causes of these changes, people's response to these changes and the interrelationships that are occurring between them. An interest in learning about current environmental, political, cultural and economic issues is essential.

Geography complements most subjects since the variety of topics covered within the course lends itself to supporting and facilitating other subjects. Technology and Physics both have cross-curricular links with Geography when focusing on civil engineering and planning, while History also complements the subject. Biology and Chemistry are subjects which are often studied in conjunction with Geography since it complements the understanding of scientific processes in both AS and A2 courses. Economics is perhaps the best complementary subject to Geography, especially at A2 which focuses on globalisation, economic development and population policies.

Most universities offer Geography degrees in different geographical disciplines such as the environment, economy, politics, ecology development and tourism, so courses can be picked which complement your individual interests. Beyond university, potential careers include urban planning, civil engineering, architecture, regional development, environmental and ecological work, travel and tourism and teaching, as well as many others directly related to your degree courses.

