GEOGRAPHY

Advanced Level Subject Guide
Exam Board: Pearson Edexcel

COURSE OVERVIEW

Geography is the study of the Earth's surface. It includes the study of the physical and human processes that shape the environment, places and patterns at the Earth's surface, and the people who live there. Most pupils enjoy the scope of the material they cover in Geography, the insights it can provide into understanding the world around us and the sheer contemporary nature of the issues it tackles.

COURSE & EXAMINATION OUTLINE

Edexcel A-Level Geography consists of three externally examined papers and one coursework component.

Paper 1 - Physical Geography

Written examination: 2 hours 15 Mins. 30% of final A-Level.

- Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- Coastal landscapes
- The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

Paper 2 - Human Geography

Written examination: 2 hours 15 Mins. 30% of final A-Level.

- Globalisation
- Shaping Places
- Superpowers
- Global Development and Connections

Paper 3 - Synoptic Paper

Written examination: 1 hour 45 Mins. 20% of final A-Level

This paper draws synoptically on content taken from compulsory parts of the course.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is essential that students considering this course have successfully completed GCSE Geography and achieved at least a Grade 5 or above.

This course will include some statistical work in certain modules and therefore a good ability in Maths would be beneficial.

"A student who studies Geography will enjoy investigating current world issues, such as energy, security, water conflicts and globalisation. They will have good ICT skills, especially using the internet for individual research into extreme weather, volcanoes and earthquakes. They will also enjoy field work."

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What are the Examinations Like?

Each examination will include short open, open response and resource-linked questions. The three papers will also include extended writing questions.

Fieldwork Opportunities

This is an **essential** part of A-Level Geography. As well as being a useful method of geographical research, it can also help in developing teamwork and leadership skills. Students have to complete four days of fieldwork. The data collected will be used for the student's independent investigation which is 20% of the overall qualification. This is an opportunity for pupils to become an expert in an area of geography which interests them as well as being an excellent opportunity for preparing them for the requirements of writing a dissertation at university.

CAREERS & NEXT STEPS

Taken with sciences or mathematics, geography supports applications for almost any science-based course like engineering, psychology, environmental sciences, oceanography and medicine; taken with humanities, geography supports an equally wide range of university courses such as business, law, media, politics and philosophy. In the past, many of our students have gone on to study geography at university and geography related courses, such as land management, city planning and geology.

The close link between the subject and the world around us makes for a long and varied list of related careers. Statistics show that compared with other subjects, geographers are among the most employable. This partly derives from the subject's versatility. Geographers are expected to have good communication skills; be able to work in a team; manage themselves; analyse their work; be numerate and literate; be computer literate; be spatially aware; be socially and environmentally aware.

COURSEWORK

20% of final A-Level

Independent Investigation.

- Students investigate a question or issue of their choice, demonstrating an ability to carry out independent investigation.
- The question or issue can relate to any aspect of geography contained within the specification.
- Students are expected to write a written report of 3000-4000 words.
- This will be internally assessed and externally moderated.

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