



## A Level

# Geography

### What Entry Requirements Do I Need?

The minimum requirement is a 5 GCSE's at Grade 5 including Geography, Maths and English. If you have not studied Geography at GCSE it may be possible to take this option, applications will be dealt with on an individual basis.

### How Will I Be Assessed?

AQA Geography (7037)

#### Content Overview

##### Component 1: Physical

**Section A:** Water and carbon cycles

**Section B:** either Hot desert systems and landscapes or Coastal systems and landscapes or Glacial systems and landscapes

**Section C:** either Hazards or Ecosystems under stress

##### Assessment Overview

**Written exam:** 2 hours 30 minutes (40% of total A Level)

**Section A:** answer all questions (36 marks)

**Section B:** answer either question 2 or question 3 or question 4 (36 marks)

**Section C:** answer either question 5 or question 6 (48 marks)

**Question types:** short answer, levels of response and extended prose

#### Content Overview

##### Component 2: Human

**Section A:** Global systems and global governance

**Section B:** Changing places

**Section C:** either Contemporary urban environments or Population and the environment or Resource security

##### Assessment Overview

**Written exam:** 2 hours 30 minutes (40% of total A Level)

**Section A:** answer all questions (36 marks)

**Section B:** answer all questions (36 marks)

**Section C:** answer either question 3 or question 4 or question 5 (48 marks)

**Question types:** short answer, levels of response, extended prose.

#### Content Overview

##### Component 3: Geography fieldwork investigation

Students complete an individual investigation which must include data collected in the field. The individual investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content

##### Assessment Overview

**Extended written Investigation (20% of total A-level)**

3,000–4,000 words

Marked by teachers

Moderated by AQA

### Why Study Geography?

There has never been a better or more important time to study A level Geography. Dealing with vital issues such as climate change, migration, environmental degradation, social issues and natural hazards, A level Geography is one of the most relevant subjects you could choose to study. Geography certainly provides insights into the world around us and tackles many highly contemporary issues.

The A level Geography course deals with both human and physical geography, with some of the issues overlapping. Human topics such as urbanisation and globalisation are very good for generating debate and allowing you to apply your knowledge in a worldwide context. Physical geography looks at topics such as the natural environment, at how hazards occur, what can be done to predict them and the management that is in place if one occurs.

Studying Geography is not only about the content that you will cover, but also the skills which you will develop throughout your studies.

## What Kind of Person Studies This Course?

Anybody with an interest in the world around us! In Geography we will study both the Human and Physical world developing an understanding of how our lives are influenced by natural systems and how our actions can have long lasting effects on these systems. We also study the best ways in which to manage these issues sustainably in the future. You would enjoy this course if you enjoyed GCSE Geography and want to go deeper into the subject. The subject supports a range of other A Levels due to the wide range of skills that you will develop.

## Where Will an A Level in Geography Lead Me?

Geography is a highly respected academic A level. As well as Geography-based degrees it can support a wide range of other studies such as Biology, Business Studies and Economics. Studying Geography in either an Arts or a Science combination will lead you to the widest possible career opportunities in scientific and environmental services, management, travel and tourism as well as social services. It will equip you with a wide range of investigative and analytical skills which is what most employers are looking for.

