

GEOGRAPHY Advanced Level

Qualification Level 3 Advanced GCE in Geography

Exam Board Pearson Edexcel

Course Specific Entry Requirements Grade 5 or above in GCSE Geography

Overview

Advanced Level Geography incorporates a wide range of contemporary global issues that are of great importance to modern society. The focus of the course is the interaction between people and the environment as well as the major global challenges that face the world's population.

What will I learn?

Advanced Level Geography comprises **four** areas of study:

▲ **Dynamic Landscapes**

- ▲ Tectonic Processes and Hazards
- ▲ Landscape Systems, Processes and Change

▲ **Dynamic Places**

- ▲ Globalisation
- ▲ Shaping Places

▲ **Physical Systems and Sustainability**

- ▲ The Water Cycle and Water Insecurity
- ▲ The Carbon Cycle and Energy Security

▲ **Human Systems and Geopolitics**

- ▲ Superpowers
- ▲ Global Development and Connections

Your learning will be assessed via three external examinations taken at the end of the course (80% of the total A Level marks) and an Independent Investigation worth 20% of the total A Level marks. The Independent Investigation takes the form of a written report of 3000-4000 words.

Fieldwork, research and practical work are all part of the wider investigation process. They form an intrinsic part of each area of study and are central to your Independent Investigation. You will undertake a minimum of four days of fieldwork during the course; this will inform your independent investigation task.

How will I learn?

A Level Geography demands an enquiring approach and an interest in the world around you. Wide background reading of quality newspapers and magazines is essential. Lessons will be a mixture of research, presentations, geographical field work skills, and investigations using the internet, texts, journals and DVDs. You will learn to collect, present and interpret data; to analyse information; to produce coherent, well-argued essays and reports; and to empathise and develop an understanding of values and opinions.

Where could it lead?

Geography is inherently multidisciplinary in a world that increasingly values people who have the skills needed to work across the physical and social sciences. The subject will enable you to have access to a wide range of possible career and Higher Education opportunities. You will learn and use a variety of transferable skills throughout the course. These skills are in great demand and are recognised by employers and universities as being of great value. The subject also has one of the best employment records with only 5.8% of Geography graduates still job-hunting six months after they graduated, against an average of 7.3%.