

A-Level Geography

Level 3

COURSE CONTENT

Unit 1: Physical Geography

1. Water and carbon cycles. (compulsory)
2. Hot deserts systems and landscapes
3. Coastal systems and landscapes
4. Glacial systems and landscapes
5. Hazards
6. Ecosystems under stress

Unit 2: Human Geography

1. Global systems and global governance (compulsory)
2. Changing places (compulsory)
3. Contemporary urban environments
4. Population and the environment
5. Resource security

Unit 3: Geography fieldwork investigation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Unit 1 – Written exam: 2hrs 30mins

- 120 marks
- 40% of A-Level

Unit 2 – Written exam: 2 hours 30mins

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Unit 3 – Individual investigation based on a question

- 3,000-4,000 words
- 60 marks
- 20% of A-Level
- Assessed Internally
- Moderated by AQA

EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students complete an individual investigation, which must result in completing 4 days of a fieldwork study to collect data. This may focus on either a human or a physical unit. Trips and support classes to be decided.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

A student who studies A-Level geography can go onto further education at any university and study a range of university courses. This includes a range of geographical and scientific courses. It also provides excellent skills for most university degrees including law, politics, international relations, social sciences and criminology.

In addition, a student with geography A-Level will be gaining knowledge and skills that would attract many employers, due to the variety of units study in the course. Geography students may follow careers in social work, law, journalism, policing, the Civil Service, advertising, foreign aid and development, teaching, business and many more.

PRIOR KNOWLEDGE

Useful: Qualifications in GCSE Geography, GCSE Science and GCSE Maths. A good understanding of these would support the learning of the student. In addition, keeping up to date with current affairs, documentaries and the worldwide news will support learning.

Desirable: GCSE grades in Geography, Science, English and Maths at a 6 or higher.

Essential: GCSE grade 5 in Geography, Science, English and Maths. Would consider students with grade 4 at GCSE.

