Geography

Exam Board AQA
Qualification A-level
Entry Requirements Grade 6 in Geography

Content

Component 1: Physical Geography
Section A: Water and Carbon Cycles.
Section B: Glacial systems and landscapes.
Section C: Hazards.

Component 2: Human Geography
Section A: Global systems and global governance.
Section B: Changing places.
Section C: Contemporary urban environments.

Component 3: Geographical investigation
Students complete an independent investigation which must include data collected in the field. The independent investigation must be based on a question or issue defined and developed by the student relating to any part of the specification content. Field work is a compulsory aspect of the course; to achieve this we will conduct a residential fieldwork opportunity in January of each year of the course.

Assessment

Component 1: Physical Geography
Written Exam: 2 Hours 30 minutes. 96 marks. 40% of A level.

Component 2: Human Geography
Written Exam: 2 hours 30 minutes. 96 marks. 40% of A level.

Component 3: Geographical Investigation
4000-5000 words. 60 marks. 20% of A level. Marked by teachers and moderated by AQA.

Career Prospects

Geography combines well with both arts and science subjects. Geography is highly valued by universities as an A Level choice.
Geography can be used as a foundation to progress into either science or arts-based courses at university with many students opting to do either a BSc or a BA degree course in the subject. Geographers are highly regarded by employers owing to their broad knowledge of a variety of local, national and global issues combined with their statistical, analytical and evaluative skills.
Careers in health, education, geographical information systems (GIS), finance, the media, business, town planning, the armed forces, the environment, travel, commerce and the public sector have all been pursued by geographers.