



Geography

One year AS/Two year A level.

Geography involves investigating the interaction of people with their environment. Geographers recognise that these interactions create opportunities and problems, which need careful management. This course includes physical and human geography and will cover a range of case studies and geographical skills.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language and Geography if taken at GCSE. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. If Geography was not previously studied at GCSE, grade C in GCSE Science and Mathematics are required.

This subject will focus on:

- rivers, floods and management;
- coasts;
- global population change;
- energy issues;
- plate tectonics and hazards;
- weather and climate hazards; and
- world cities.

You can expect to:

- study geographical issues and impacts;
- develop fieldwork skills;
- analyse, interpret and evaluate information;
- develop research skills and a greater degree of independence;
- develop a variety of geographical skills (ICT, cartographic and investigative);
- consider values and attitudes; and
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of concepts and processes.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Progression:

The course provides students with the opportunity to apply for degree courses in Humanities, Arts or Science and in particular Geography or Geology. Joint degrees such as Geography and Economics are also popular. Geography can lead to a number of career options in local government, administration, teaching, planning and retailing.

Other information:

To develop your investigative skills, you will be expected to participate in fieldwork and to complete a personal fieldwork investigation for A2. Students are asked to pay for transport and tuition costs for short, local visits.

Comments from our current students include: "is very interesting and relevant to real life"; "an extremely valued course which covers a lot of topics" and "it stands you in good stead for university in terms of fieldwork and essay writing". These students are progressing to degrees in Geography, Applied Geology and employment in banking.

In 2009, 48% of A2 students achieved A/B grades and the course achieved a 95% pass rate.