

Course title: Geography A-Level

Academic year:	2026
Course Venue:	The Weston Road Academy
Course Type:	A-level
Duration:	2 years

Course Description:

Your A Level geography course will cover both the physical and human environments and the complex interaction of processes that shape our world. It will also, importantly, show the applied side of the subject - how human intervention affects the environment and how people adapt and mitigate the effects of processes on their environment. This is complex and dynamic and varies from place to place depending on people's resources, technology and culture. There is plenty of room for discussion and extended research which will help you become an independent thinker and learner. By the time you get to your exams, you will be able to show your understanding of a range of opinions and be able to illustrate your answers with case studies from local, national and international examples.

Course Content:

Component 1: Physical geography

Section A: Water and carbon cycles

Section B: either Hot desert environments and their margins or Coastal systems and landscapes

Section C: either Hazards or Ecosystems under stress or Cold environments

Component 2: Human geography

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

Component 3: Geographical 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.

Entry requirements:

The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form are a 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

To study other subjects already taken at GCSE you must achieve at least a grade 5 or above in that subject.

**Assessment:**

2 x written exams: 2 hours 30 minutes

- 96 marks each
- 40% of A-level each

3,000–4,000 words individual research assignment - 35 marks

- 20% of A-level

Financial Information:

Fieldwork is a requirement of the course – the actual trips will be decided / confirmed at a later date but may involve a short residential trip.

Future opportunities:

Geography A-Level is a widely recognised qualification with most universities and employers. Geography students are seen to be well rounded with a good range of academic and practical skills which has a great benefit for a wide range of courses that can be studied at university. There is a wide range of jobs that graduates go into with Geography qualifications, including Advertising; Education; Environmental Management; Finance; Law; Marketing; Retail; Sales; Social/health services; Urban Planning. The study of Geography at A Level also helps you to develop the basic skills, understanding and knowledge that many employers are looking for.

Further information:

To find out more about this qualification, contact us, ask your Connexions Personal Adviser or school/college careers staff.

