

IB Geography Level 3

Qualification Aims and Objectives

Geography is a dynamic subject that is firmly grounded in the real world and focuses on the interactions between individuals, societies and physical processes in both time and space.

The Diploma Programme Geography course integrates physical, environmental and human geography, and ensures that students acquire elements of both socio-economic and scientific methodologies. This helps students develop life skills and have an appreciation of, and a respect for, alternative approaches, viewpoints, and ideas.

The aim of the Geography course is to enable students to:

- develop an understanding of the dynamic interrelationships between people, places, spaces and the environment at different scales;
- develop a critical awareness and consider complex thinking in the context of the nexus of geographic issues, including:
 - acquiring an in-depth understanding of how geographic issues or wicked problems have been shaped by powerful human and physical processes
 - synthesising diverse geographic knowledge in order to form viewpoints about how these issues could be resolved; and
- understand and evaluate the need for planning and sustainable development through the management of resources at varying scales.

Course Outline

Part one:

- Populations in transition
- Disparities in wealth and development
- Patterns in environmental quality and sustainability
- Patterns in resource consumption

Part two:

- Hazards and disasters - risk assessment and response
- Urban environment

Fieldwork:

- Students have to complete one written report, based on a fieldwork question, information collection and analysis.

This course is assessed through a mixture of externally and internally assessed work:

External assessment:

- Paper 1 (Geographic Themes), 60 marks, 2 hours 15 minutes: 35%
- Paper 2 (Global Change Perspectives), 50 marks, 1 hour 15 minutes: 25%
- Paper 3 (Global Interactions Perspectives), 28 marks, 1 hour: 20%

Internal assessment:

- 20 Hours fieldwork, written report, 25 marks: 20%



Entry Requirements

Minimum of 5 9-5 grades in GCSE examinations including English and Maths.

Future courses & possible careers

- Town Planning
- Hazard & Risk Management
- Market Research
- Architecture
- Transport Planner
- Tourism Officer

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