

Geography BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: F800 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2021/2022

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Geography is about exploring, encountering and engaging with the world around us. It is a dynamic and exciting subject to study. It looks at how the physical world works; how people interact both with each other and with the physical world; how landscapes (both physical and human) evolve; and the ways in which the environment needs to be conserved and managed. Geography covers many different perspectives and brings them together to create a distinctive way of understanding the world.

Whether your interests are more towards physical, environmental or human geography, our degree offers you the chance to develop an integrated, enriched understanding of what is taking place on our planet. Studying Geography means you will look at a wide range of different topics and learn a broad range of skills. For this reason, a Geography degree is one of the most valued subjects among potential employers.

An enthusiastic and friendly team of geographers and environmentalists with wide research interests teach Geography at Hope. You will find that Liverpool is a great place to study Geography, being an excellent case study of economic, environmental and social regeneration, and having surroundings that include stunning upland and coastal landscapes.

Entry Requirements

The standard offer level is 112 UCAS tariff points.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2021/2022 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

As well as your tuition fees, you need to consider the costs of compulsory and optional residential and other fieldwork trips. Costs vary but we estimate you will need around £400. You also need around £200 to buy key textbooks and around £100 for fieldwork equipment such as boots and a waterproof coat.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university. Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Accreditation

This programme has been accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG). Accredited degree programmes contain a solid academic foundation in geographical knowledge and skills, and prepare graduates to address the needs of the world beyond higher education. The accreditation criteria require evidence that graduates from accredited programmes meet defined sets of learning outcomes, including subject knowledge, technical ability and transferable skills.



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Geography BSc (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

World Regions: Understanding the World

You will investigate selected world regions and explore themes and topics at a range of scales (global to local) including, the environment (physical and human); globalisation and development.

Hazards, Risk and Society

Various dimensions of vulnerability and resilience in the risks associated with natural hazards will be studied. These will be explored from a social and cultural perspective and consider impacts on society; communities; culture.

Exploring Geography and Tourism

Themes and topics include interpreting and representing the world/place/space; understanding natural and human processes (including tourism) and their interactions.

The Dynamic Earth*

An introduction to key concepts in geoscience/geology; the geological history of the Earth, and the geological processes in landscape development.

Applied Environmental Geoscience*

You will study topics such as environmental change, environmental resources and environmental resource management.

Earth Materials*

Discover the formation and significance of selected Earth materials.

Laboratory- and field-based Practical Investigations

Introduction to, for example, mapping, cartography, statistics, and Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

Laboratory- and field-based Environmental Investigations*

Fieldwork

Year Two

Contemporary Human Geographies and Tourism

An exploration of, for example, contemporary social, economic, cultural and environmental contexts.

Earth Surface Processes

An exploration of geomorphological and biogeographical processes and their contribution to landscape development.

Understanding the Environment

An exploration of the representation and interpretation of landscapes and ways of researching the environment.

Environmental Policy, Planning and Management*

An exploration of, for example, legislation; policy; planning; environmental impacts and management.

Landscape Assessment*

An exploration of applied dimensions of environmental geoscience through landscape assessment (eg. Landscape Character Assessment).

Geospatial Data Analysis and GIS*

An exploration of geospatial data analysis/ GIS that includes practical applications.

'Experiential Learning Block'*

An applied project based study block that can be undertaken as one of several formats e.g. fieldwork based; problem-based task; work placement related; or a block of work-based learning.

Fieldwork

Year Three

Advances in Human Geographies

Advanced investigations of a specific area of human geographies (eg. social, cultural and economic dimensions of the urban environment).

Earth's Dynamic Environments

Advanced investigations of geomorphological processes and change in a specific area of physical geography.

History, Development of Current Practice of Geography

An exploration of the historical and current practice and research in physical environments and human geographies.

Sustainable Futures*

A consideration and evaluation of themes and debates surrounding the human-environment nexus.

Environmental Change*

An exploration of environmental change, including consideration of global environmental change throughout Earth history cryosphere. A key focus will be on environmental change in the Quaternary.

International Fieldwork*

You will undertake fieldwork internationally.

Honours Project (dissertation)*

Honours Project (integrated dissertation/ research project)

As a combined honours student you have the option to either complete a research project or integrated dissertation.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, seminars, and tutorials. There are also a number of fieldtrips each year, and each week you will have opportunities for a one-to-one meetings with your tutor.

If you are studying Geography as a Single Honours degree, in your first year there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which decreases to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. If you are studying Geography as a Combined Honours degree, in your first year there are approximately 6 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 5 teaching hours in your second and third years.

On top of teaching hours, there may be additional weekly contact hours associated with fieldwork. You are also expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as group study to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Assessments include written exams and essays, portfolios, reports, academic poster, presentations and a literature review. In your final year, you also undertake a dissertation (Single Honours degree) or a research project (Combined Honours degree).

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.

*Topics marked with a * are studied by single honours students only.



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