

Geography BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: F800 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Accredited | Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Geography is the study of the world around us, exploring how the physical environment works, how people interact with each other and with the environment, and how landscapes evolve. This Geography degree provides a dynamic and integrated approach to understanding both physical and human processes, as well as environmental conservation and management. The Geography course allows you to focus on areas ranging from physical and environmental to human geography, developing a broad and enriched understanding of the planet.

Studying Geography equips you with a wide range of skills, making this Geography degree highly valued by potential employers. You will learn from an enthusiastic team of geographers and environmentalists with diverse research interests, benefiting from Liverpool's unique setting, which provides excellent examples of economic, social, and environmental regeneration, alongside stunning upland and coastal landscapes.

A Placement Year option is available within the Geography course, offering practical work experience to complement your studies and prepare you for future careers.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2026/2027 are **£9,535 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

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.

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

Global Governance and World Regions

This module explores the interconnected nature of our world and examines how decisions made at local, national, and international levels influence global governance and shape opportunities and it is constructed in two sections. One section focuses on globalization, governance, citizenship, and sustainable development. The other section emphasis shifts to Understanding the World—analysing different regions, including Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania.

Academic and Professional Skills

This module is designed to equip students with the skills needed to succeed at university and beyond. It builds confidence in academic reading, writing, and research, while providing practical tools such as data analysis and mapping, and guidance on the responsible use of AI.

Earth and Ecological Systems

This interdisciplinary module provides a framework for exploring the natural systems and processes that shape a complex and dynamic Earth.

Global Challenges

This module explores the major environmental and societal challenges of the 21st century, encouraging students to approach global issues from multiple perspectives and providing a strong foundation for future studies.

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.

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 island environments).

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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