

Human Geography

UCAS Code: Combined Honours only (please see website for details)

Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2024/2025

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Human Geography involves the study of the interrelationships between people, place, and environment, and how these vary spatially and temporally across and between locations. As well as how they shape the lives and activities of people, and their interactions with places and nature. It covers many different perspectives and brings them together to create a distinctive way of understanding the world. Human Geography is more allied with the social sciences and humanities, sharing their philosophical approaches and methods.

Our degree investigates human-environment relationships - offering you the chance to develop an integrated, enriched understanding of what is taking place on our planet. In particular through, for example, the lens of tourism - exploring urban environments, small island settings or applied aspects of natural hazard management. In addition to specialising in human geographical dimensions, you will look at a wide range of different geographical topics and learn a broad range of skills. The overarching aim of our Human Geography degree is to provide students with opportunities to contribute to an environmentally sustainable and socially conscious future.

Liverpool is a particularly great place to study Human Geography, as it is an excellent case study of economic, environmental and social regeneration, and has surroundings that include rural and coastal settings.

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 2024/2025 are £9,250 for full-time undergraduate courses.

In addition, we estimate you will need to allow approximately £100 - £150 for the purchase of key texts, around £200 - £250 for compulsory or optional residential/fieldwork, and approximately £100 for personal fieldwork equipment.

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.



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Human Geography 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, for example, the environment (physical and human); globalisation and development; geopolitics; human processes (social, cultural, economic); and tourism dimensions.

Hazards, Risk and Society

You will investigate various dimensions of vulnerability and resilience in relation to the risks associated with natural hazards. These will be explored particularly from a social and cultural perspective and will consider aspects such as, impacts on society; communities; culture; heritage; urban environments; tourism destinations; and tourists.

Exploring Geography and Tourism

You will investigate a range of themes and topics, for example, interpreting and representing the world/place/space; understanding natural and human processes (including tourism) and their interactions; sustainable development and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (consideration of geographical and tourism contexts); and data analysis (including statistics and spatial data analysis).

Fieldwork (residential and/or non-residential).

Year Two

Contemporary Human Geographies and Tourism

You will explore aspects of human geography using, for example, contemporary social, economic, cultural and environmental contexts (e.g. socio-cultural awareness; urban/economic geography; urban regeneration; and tourism dimensions).

Research Methods

You will explore a range of qualitative and quantitative research methods of relevance to human geographical research investigations including consideration of data collection and data analysis.

Environmental Policy, Planning and Management

With a particular focus on the environment, you will explore, for example, legislation; policy; planning; environmental impacts and management.

Fieldwork (residential and/or non-residential).

Year Three

Advances in Human Geographies

You will undertake advanced investigations of a specific area of human geographies (e.g. social, cultural and economic dimensions of island environments).

Sustainable Futures

You will undertake a consideration and evaluation of themes and debates surrounding the human-environment nexus, for example, sustainability; sustainable development; environmental resource management; climate change; and the Anthropocene.

History, Development of Current Practice of Geography

You will undertake a consideration and critical evaluation of the history and development of geography, which will be followed by detailed explorations of the current practice of geography.

Advanced Seminars

You will participate in seminar workshops that revolve around staff leading discussions on their research interests and expertise.

Fieldwork (residential and/or non-residential).

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this course is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars of smaller groups of around 20-25 students and tutorials which typically have no more than 10 students. There is also the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

Fieldwork is an important part of this course. Fieldwork destinations include local and regional UK locations such as Liverpool, Chester, New Brighton and North Wales, along with international fieldwork opportunities in places such as Berlin and Malta. The course makes use of the University's own field centre, Plas Caerdeon, set within Snowdonia National Park.

In your first year there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week. During the second and third years this changes to approximately 10 teaching hours each week. Additional teaching hours above the weekly contact hours will come through fieldwork activities. These will vary according to the nature and format of the fieldwork activities.

In addition to the formal teaching contact hours, students are also expected to spend time studying independently each week as well as engaging in group study to prepare for some group assessments.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study you will have several forms of assessment. This normally includes written exams at the end of the second and third years, with reports, essays and portfolios throughout the year. In your final year, you will also complete an honours project that will either be a research project on a human geography topic or an integrated dissertation with your other subject.

You will be given regular written and other feedback on your assessments. You will have opportunities to discuss this feedback with your tutor in more detail.



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