

Human Geography

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

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

Placement year opportunities available



Course Overview

Human Geography examines the relationships between people, places, and the environment, exploring how these vary across locations and shape human activities and interactions with nature. This Human Geography degree combines perspectives from social sciences and humanities to provide a distinctive understanding of the world. The Human Geography course allows you to investigate human–environment relationships, considering areas such as tourism, urban environments, small islands, and natural hazard management.

Alongside specialising in human geographical dimensions, the Human Geography degree covers a broad range of topics, equipping you with diverse skills to contribute to an environmentally sustainable and socially conscious future.

Liverpool offers an ideal setting to study Human Geography, serving as a living case study of economic, social, and environmental regeneration, while also providing access to rural and coastal landscapes that enhance practical learning experiences.

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 £9,790 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

Global Governance and World Regions: Understanding the World

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, with particular attention to climate policy and tourism. The other section emphasis shifts to Understanding the World—analysing different regions, including Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania. Students will explore how the environment, geography, tourism, and culture intersect, and how global policies are experienced in diverse regional contexts.

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.

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.

Honours Project (integrated dissertation/research project)

As a combined honours student you have the option to either complete a research project or integrated dissertation (in combination with your other subject).

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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