

IB Geography



Introduction:

The Diploma Programme geography course integrates both physical and human geography and ensures that students acquire elements of both scientific and socio-economic methodologies.

Geography takes advantage of its position to examine relevant concepts and ideas from a wide variety of disciplines. This helps students develop an appreciation of, and a respect for, alternative approaches, viewpoints and ideas. The geography course embodies global and international awareness in several distinct ways. It examines key global issues, such as poverty, sustainability and climate change. It considers examples and detailed case studies at a variety of scales, from local to regional, national and international.

Course structure:

The course is structured as follows:

Paper 2:

- Changing population
- Global climate – vulnerability and resilience
- Global resource consumption and security

Paper 1:

- Urban environments
- Food and health
- Geophysical hazards

Paper 3:

- Power, places and networks
- Human development and diversity
- Global risks and resilience

Entry requirements:

To be admitted onto this course you will need to meet the following requirements:

- Grade 5+ in GCSE Geography.

Careers:

Employers appreciate the skills that geography students gain over the course. Some possible career pathways include:

- Cartographer
- Commercial/residential surveyor
- Environmental consultant
- Geographical Information Systems Officer
- Planning and development surveyor
- Secondary school teacher
- Town planner
- International aid/development worker
- Logistics and distribution manager

Assessment:

Internal assessment (20%):

- A fieldwork investigation related to one of the optional paper 1 topics.

External assessment (80%):

- **Paper 1**, 2 hrs 15 mins (35%) three sections including short answer and essay questions
- **Paper 2**, 1 hr 15 mins (25%) a mixture of short and extended answers including an infographic and an essay
- **Paper 3**, 1hr (20%) Two essay-style questions