

Geography IGCSE
Curriculum



Cambridge IGCSE Geography 0976

Introduction

This document outlines what students will learn in their IGCSE Geography course. The course follows the Cambridge IGCSE Geography syllabus and is designed to develop students' understanding of the world around them. It will help them to develop a sense of place, understand different environments, and appreciate the challenges facing our planet.

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Aims

The main goals of this course are to:

- Develop students' knowledge and understanding of the Earth's physical and human environments.
- Enable students to develop geographical skills, such as map reading, data analysis, and fieldwork techniques.
- Encourage students to think critically about geographical issues and develop informed perspectives.
- Promote environmental awareness and sustainable development.
- Use case studies to back up their theories.

What The Student Will Learn

Course Overview

Geography is the study of the Earth's physical and human environments. This course aims to develop students' understanding of global patterns, processes, and issues. It fosters critical thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.



Physical Geography

Students will learn about the Earth's physical processes and landscapes, including:

- The Earth's structure and tectonic processes: understanding earthquakes, volcanoes, and mountain building.
- Weather and climate: exploring different weather patterns and climate zones.
- Natural hazards: learning about the risks and impacts of natural disasters.
- Water cycle and resources: understanding the importance of water and its distribution.
- Coastal environments: studying the processes shaping coastlines and the challenges they face.

Human Geography

Students will explore how people interact with their environment, including:

- Population dynamics: studying population growth, distribution, and migration patterns.
- Settlement patterns: understanding the factors influencing the location and growth of settlements.
- Economic activities: learning about different types of economic activity and their impact on the environment.
- Environmental issues: investigating global environmental challenges and sustainable development.
- Geographical fieldwork: conducting investigations to collect and analyse geographical data.

Through these topics, students will develop a deeper understanding of the world and the challenges it faces. They will also learn to think critically about geographical issues and develop their skills in map reading, data analysis, and fieldwork.

How We Teach the Course

Teachers will use a variety of teaching and learning strategies, including:

- Classroom-based instruction to explain key concepts including small group work
- Group discussions and debates – students will share their ideas and listen to others' perspectives.
- Fieldwork and practical investigations
- Independent research and project work
- Use of digital technologies to enhance learning



Assessment

Assessment will be based on:

IGCSE written examinations set by the Cambridge Board

There will also be ongoing assessments throughout the course, such as class tests, mock exams, quizzes and coursework.

Additional Learning Opportunities

To enhance learning and broaden horizons, students will be offered opportunities to participate in a range of activities, such as:

- Independent research and self-set projects
- School trips

Evaluation and Review

The curriculum will be reviewed annually to ensure its effectiveness and alignment with the boards' defined curriculum. Feedback from students, teachers, and parents will be considered in the review process.

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