

# A Level Geography

**Our Geography specification explores the key principles, concepts and processes that explain geographical phenomena and landscapes.** It maintains the balance between physical and human geography while ensuring relevance to the modern world.



## Benefits to you and your learners

- Our specification maintains a link with previous OCR specifications, allowing you to use existing resources. It builds on aspects of the range of OCR's (and other boards') GCSE specifications.
- It reduces repetition of topics covered at GCSE and Key Stage 4 and provides continuity and progression in geographical understanding.
- It provides an excellent foundation for those learners wishing to go on to study geography at degree level. Topics are explored in-depth using individual research and investigation techniques.
- It ensures that topics have relevance to the modern world and to young people's lives.
- It maintains the requirement to carry out fieldwork but removes the need for lengthy formal reports.

## AS Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional
Managing Physical Environments	Learners will develop understanding of the physical processes and factors that produce features, the impact of these processes on human activity and how human action has affected the physical processes. Topics are rivers, coasts, hot, arid/semi-arid and cold environments.	Mandatory
Managing Change in Human Environments	Learners will develop an understanding of the processes that produce a variety of human environments, the principal changes and how humans are trying to manage the changes. Topics are managing urban change, managing rural change, energy and tourism.	Mandatory

## A2 Level

Unit title	Description	Mandatory/Optional
Global Issues	Learners will develop the ability to identify and quantify issues of global concern, an understanding of the processes responsible for these issues, how humans are responding and the different consequences. Options include earth hazards, climatic hazards and globalisation.	Mandatory
Geographical Skills	Learners will develop an understanding of the process of geographical investigation, including fieldwork, skills needed to complete investigation, an awareness of problems and an ability to evaluate outcomes.	Mandatory

## Support and training

We have developed a range of support materials and resources – some have been produced by OCR, some by our publisher partners. These include:

- INSET training (full day course)
- Sample Assessment Materials
- Schemes of Work and Lesson Plans
- Guidance Materials
- Teacher's Handbook
- Publisher resources – developed in close consultation with OCR, Heinemann has produced further resources to support this specification.

For more information please contact our Customer Contact Centre on **01223 553998**, or visit **[www.ocr.org.uk/geography](http://www.ocr.org.uk/geography)**



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