



# Geography

## Geography International Baccalaureate Course

Geography is concerned with place, the way people live and their interaction with the physical environment. It is influential in many of the world's most pressing economic, social and environmental issues and is therefore a subject of considerable relevance.

### The aims of the IB course are to:

- develop a global perspective and a sense of world interdependence.
- develop an understanding of the interrelationship between people, place and the environment.
- develop a concern for the quality of the environment and sustainable ways of managing it.
- develop an appreciation of the relevance of geography in analysing contemporary world issues.
- promote an understanding and respect for different cultures
- understand and apply geographical methods and techniques.

The IB can be studied at both Standard and Higher Level. Entrance requirements for Standard Level are flexible, but for Higher Level candidates are expected to have achieved at least a grade B at GCSE, or the equivalent.

### Course Outline.

#### Lower Sixth:

- Population (SL & HL)
- Resources (SL & HL)
- Settlements (SL & HL)
- Lithospheric processes and hazards (HL)

#### Upper Sixth:

- Development (SL & HL)
- Globalization (SL & HL)
- Drainage basins and their management (HL)

For both Standard and Higher Level there are two final examination papers. The first of these involves structured questions and the second, essay or stimulus response questions. In addition there is a course work element, which involves two pieces of coursework/fieldwork (1000 words), at the Standard Level and two fieldwork studies of greater depth (1500-2000 words), at the Higher Level.