

A Level in Geography

Location	Altrincham Campus
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Monday 1st September 2025
Course Code	AFQ-AL3L-1102

Course Overview

The world we live in is changing: Geography allows us to see why and how it is changing. On A Level Geography you will explore current issues of local, national, and global importance in contexts specific to different parts of the world. New content will be introduced including themes such as the carbon cycle, hot desert environments and their margins, and hazards. You will discover how your own actions can relate to the wider world, be it the local area or a country far away.

Students will follow the AQA A Level Geography specification.

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5's or above (must include Maths and English Language). However, certain subjects may have additional entry criteria, which can be found below:

Additional Entry Requirements:

A Level Geography will require grade 5 in GCSE Geography.

What You Will Learn

Students will study themes including water and carbon cycles, changing places, and hazards. You will discover how your own actions can relate to the wider world, be it the local area or a country far away.

During the course, students will complete an individual investigation which must include data collected from the field. You will be required to undertake a minimum of 4 days fieldwork, and write up a 3,000-4,000 word report.

Assessment

Students will sit 2 papers at the end of the 2-year course in addition to a Geography fieldwork investigation (20% of A Level grade):

Physical Geography (40% of A Level grade)

2.5 hours written exam

Human Geography (40% of A Level grade)

2.5 hours written exam

Progression

Employers value geographers because they develop skills in literacy, numeracy, IT and spatial awareness; additionally, they develop team skills and can articulate and analyse complex problems.

Studying Geography opens up a wide range of careers, including Environmental Management, Business and Marketing, development and global issues.

Career Options

Students who study on a Geography pathway are highly employable. They gain transferable skills including numeracy, literacy & team work. Students who study Geography have to learn to think analytically and critically, have cultural agility, are socially and environmentally aware and are creative.

In their studies, Geography students build on their ability to integrate ideas effectively, problem solve, and develop computer literacy skills to a high standard.

Mandatory Units

Physical Geography:

- Water and carbon cycles
- Hot desert systems and landscapes
- Coastal systems and landscapes
- Glacial systems and landscapes
- Hazards
- Ecosystems under stress

Human Geography:

- Global systems and global governance
- Changing places
- Contemporary urban environments
- Population and the environment
- Resource security

In addition to the subject content above, you will complete an individual investigation which must include data collected from the field. You will be required to undertake a minimum of 4 days of fieldwork and write up a 3,000- 4,000-word report.

Contact Details

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