

National 3 Geography (Course Code: C733 73)

SCQF Level 3 (18 Credit Points)

Why study Geography?

This course is designed to enable you to use geographical analysis to develop a detailed understanding of important aspects of the contemporary world. This involves studying the ways that people and the environment interact and examining the environmental issues that arise in a rapidly changing world. Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills including research, evaluation and presentation, IT, mapping and statistics.

The skills you learn in Geography are valuable in a wide range of career sectors, including: working with development or aid agencies, environmental work, working for the census office and in tourism and leisure.

Career Pathways

To see what career areas this subject could lead to and the routes to get there, download and view these career pathways:

[Animals, Land and Environment](#)

[Arts, Social Sciences and Languages](#)

[Information, Culture and Heritage](#)

[Teaching and Classroom Support](#)

What do I need to get in?

The school or college will decide on the entry requirements for the course. You would normally have achieved:

- **National 2 Social Subjects**
- **National 2 Science in the Environment**

What will I study?

You will study the features of the earth – such as mountains, rivers and seas – and how they were formed. You will learn how to use a range of equipment and techniques such as map reading, data collection, ICT and problem solving. You will find out about cultures and backgrounds of people from all over the world. There will be opportunities for practical activities, including fieldwork.

The course has **three** compulsory units.

Geography: Physical Environments (6 SCQF credit points)

In this unit you will:

- learn how to use maps
- learn about the types of landscape and weather in the United Kingdom.

Note: This unit may be taken with a Scottish Context option, which contributes towards the Scottish Studies Award.

Geography: Human Environments (6 SCQF credit points)

In this unit you will:

- find out how to carry out research in geographical contexts
- learn about some key aspects of developed and developing countries.

Geography: Global Issues (6 SCQF credit points)

In this unit you will:

- learn how to use sources of numerical and graphical information
- learn about key aspects of global geographical and environmental issues.

Note: this unit has the option of studying in the context of climate change.

How will I be assessed?

Your work will be assessed by your teacher or tutor on an ongoing basis throughout the course. You must pass all three units to gain the course qualification.

Study Materials

What can I go on to next?

If you complete the course successfully, it may lead to:

- **National 4 Geography**
- **National 4 Environmental Science**

Further study, training or employment in:

- Animals, Land and Environment
- Arts, Social Sciences and Languages
- Information, Culture and Heritage
- Teaching and Classroom Support
- Town and Regional Planning