Higher Geography (Course Code: C833 76)

SCQF Level 6 (24 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?

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, but you would normally be expected to have achieved:

- **National 5 Geography**
- **National 5 Environmental Science**

What will I study?

The course consists of **three** areas of study.

Physical environments

You will learn about the processes and interactions at work within physical environments on a local, regional and global scale.

Key topics include: atmosphere; hydrosphere; lithosphere; and biosphere.

Human environments

You will learn about the processes and interactions at work within urban and rural environments in developed and developing countries.

Key topics include: population; rural land degradation and management; and urban change and management.

Global issues

You will learn about global geographical issues which demonstrate the interaction of physical and human factors, and evaluate the strategies adopted to manage these issues.

Key topics include: river basin management; development and health; global climate change; and energy.

How will I be assessed?

The course assessment has **three** components **totalling 190 marks**:

- Component 1: question paper 1 (Physical and human environments) – worth 100 marks (consisting of --two sections worth 50 marks each: section 1 - Physical environments, and section 2 - Human environments)
- Component 2: question paper 2 (Global issues and geographical skills) worth 60 marks (consisting of two sections: section 1 - Global issues, worth 40 marks and section 2 - Application of geographical skills, worth 20 marks)
- Component 3: assignment - worth 30 marks.

Both the question papers are set and externally marked by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA).

The grade awarded is based on the total marks achieved across course assessment.

The course assessment is graded A-D.

Study Materials

- SQA Past Papers Geography Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Physical and human environments) Geography Higher
- SQA Specimen Paper (Global issues and geographical skills) Geography Higher
- SQA Understanding Standards Geography
- BBC Bitesize Geography Higher
- Ushare Study Resources

What can I go on to next?

Successful completion of this course may lead to:

- **Advanced Higher Geography**

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