



IGCSE Geography (Edexcel)

One year Intensive Course 2025

Geography is the study of the Earth. This involves studying the physical processes that govern life on Earth but also studying human societies and their influence and reliance on Earth systems.

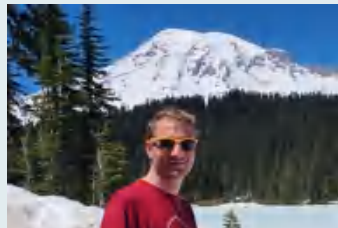
The Edexcel syllabus helps students on that journey by focusing on five aspects of geography, developing the skills necessary to research, explain and analyse how geographical processes work and draw the conclusions between them.

Key course information

Course Length:	12 month course (46 lessons)
Lesson Length:	1hr 30 mins (including five minute break)
Lesson time:	Tuesdays 11am-12.30pm
Start date:	Tuesday 3rd June 2025
Finish date:	Tuesday 26th May 2026
Course price:	£30/month or £360 (full course)
Class size:	Maximum 12 students
Exam board:	Edexcel
Course code:	4GE1
Assessment:	Written assessment = Two 1hr 45 min papers

Your tutor

- I'm Damian and I teach all the classes at Earthlings Learning.
- I began my career in education teaching English as a foreign language, where I taught students of all ages and abilities for ten years in various different countries in Asia and Europe.
- As a life-long nature lover I combined my passions by completing an MSc in Environmental Management in 2018 and started off Earthlings in 2021 to help bring this knowledge and enthusiasm to other people who want to learn about it.
- I'm an amateur ecologist and general nature nerd, a member of the British Ecological Society and participate when I can in various awesome local nature-related projects.
- I enjoy all sorts of weird and wacky natural things and host classes with an informed but informal enthusiastic style. I like to travel to see some of the things we talk about in class first-hand and bring these experiences to the classroom.



Units of study

Please note that there are multiple options for study in the IGCSE Geography exam. In line with other geography tutors we do not study all these possible options, but focus on those we intend to take during exam to maximise our chance of success!

Physical geography

Unit 1: River Environments

The water cycle. Physical processes governing rivers and determining river landforms. Human use of and dependence on water resources

Unit 3: Hazardous Environments

The formation, distribution and management of three natural hazards: earthquakes, volcanoes and tropical storms. Disaster preparation and management.

Human geography & global issues

Unit 4: Economic activity and energy

Theories about employment and economic development. Energy generation and the management of energy resources

Unit 6: Urban Environments

Concrete jungles!The development of urban environments and the challenges and opportunities these provide. Factors determining land-use in urban areas and the rise of 'megacities'

Unit 7: Fragile Environments

Humans influences on Earth systems and how they are impacted by these changes. We focus on the drivers, impacts and management of: climate change, deforestation and desertification.

Fieldwork

- Fieldwork skills and practice are part of the assessment of this syllabus
- This involves practical fieldwork in River and Urban Environments and is reflected in one section in each of the two exam papers.
- Fieldwork involves experimental methodology, sampling techniques, conducting risk assessments and drawing conclusions from evidence.
- With rivers, this involves things like measuring depth and flow. With urban environments this involves traffic and environmental quality surveys.
- There will be an organised fieldtrip to facilitate this in the UK to give students a chance to meet up and do this in person but given the widespread nature of our students attending this won't always be possible.
- We'll therefore also be looking at the fieldwork theoretically to allow this to be done independently in your local area, wherever you are in the world!

Geographical skills

- In addition to learning this course focuses on developing the skills necessary for higher levels of study in the sciences and humanities.
- This involves
 - 1) Interpreting and drawing graphs and figures
 - 2) Using and interpreting maps and photographic evidence
 - 3) Analysing and evaluating data sources
 - 4) Making evidence-based conclusions
- Previous writing and basic mathematical experience is an advantage in this course. Geographical skills will be taught but this IGCSE is **not recommended as the first stage in a student's IGCSE journey.**



General Course Information

All lessons are held online via Zoom.

This course is designed as a complete programme for students to sit the IGCSE Geography exam but also works for those just wanting to learn more about the planet or prepare for an exam at a later date.

Homework is given every other lesson. While homework isn't mandatory but it's really important for consolidating knowledge and helping me assess progress. Failure to complete homework may result in a lower grade.

There are a range of partial and full mock exams throughout the course, with work on exam skills including work with graphs and answering essay-style questions

Special Education Needs are more than welcome! We're all different and have different learning styles. Having ADHD myself I understand some of the challenges this can create!

CONTENT WARNING - As a GCSE this course is designed for students aged 14 and over. Younger students are welcome but there is some mature content in this course. We look at natural disasters and environmental issues which involve some death and destruction. When studying Economics and Urban environments we must deal with some inequalities and exploitation. We will attempt to approach these topics in a fairly lighthearted and impartial manner but sensitive students should be aware of this.

Holidays and paternal leave

The course runs throughout term time but there are three holidays built into the course:

- 1) One week during April
- 2) One week during August
- 3) Two weeks over Christmas and New Year

Exact dates will be released at the start of the course.

Paternal leave

- My partner and I are expecting our first child at the end of May 2025 so to help us through this exciting new chapter two weeks of paternal leave have been built into the course.
- As the baby is likely to turn-up when it likes, it is difficult to precisely plan the dates for this so this is currently floating holiday that I will have to announce at the time.
- To minimise disruption to the course (especially as this may fall at the beginning of the course!) tasks will be set to keep the momentum up with learning.
- This will very likely fall during June but I appreciate your understanding in the need for some flexibility!



Further information

Required skills	This GCSE requires an interest in the world around us, both in terms of the people and physical processes. No existing knowledge of geography or the sciences is required however some maths and English skills are extremely helpful for students expecting to attain higher grades. An enquiring mind is the most important thing!
Required equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must have access to a camera and mic, even if they choose not to use them regularly and a printer to print off homework and exam papers.• All students must have a way of submitting completed homework. Full guidance on formatting and submitting homework can be found in the “Homework guidance” doc.• No further equipment is required although calculators should be used in the final exam.
Textbooks used	There is one required textbook for this course: Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) Geography Student Book (ISBN: 9780435184834)
Additional study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending lessons and completing homework is sufficient to pass the course.• Additional study, including reading, watching documentaries and note-taking is extremely important for retaining knowledge and attaining higher grades.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approximately one hour’s additional study per week is advised.• This course benefits from an awareness of news and public affairs.
How parents can help	Please be ready to encourage your child to keep ordered notes and files. Getting them to explain processes and theories to you can be helpful. Geography is the study of the earth so following news and taking opportunities to see natural processes in action also really helps.

Please contact Damian at: earthlings.learning@protonmail.com with any questions