IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME
INDIVIDUALS & SOCIETIES
SUBJECT INFORMATION

Geography

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT

Geography is a **highly employable** subject due to the blend of different skills which are developed. Employers value the range of **skills** in which Geography provides; it occupies a middle ground between social or human sciences and natural sciences.

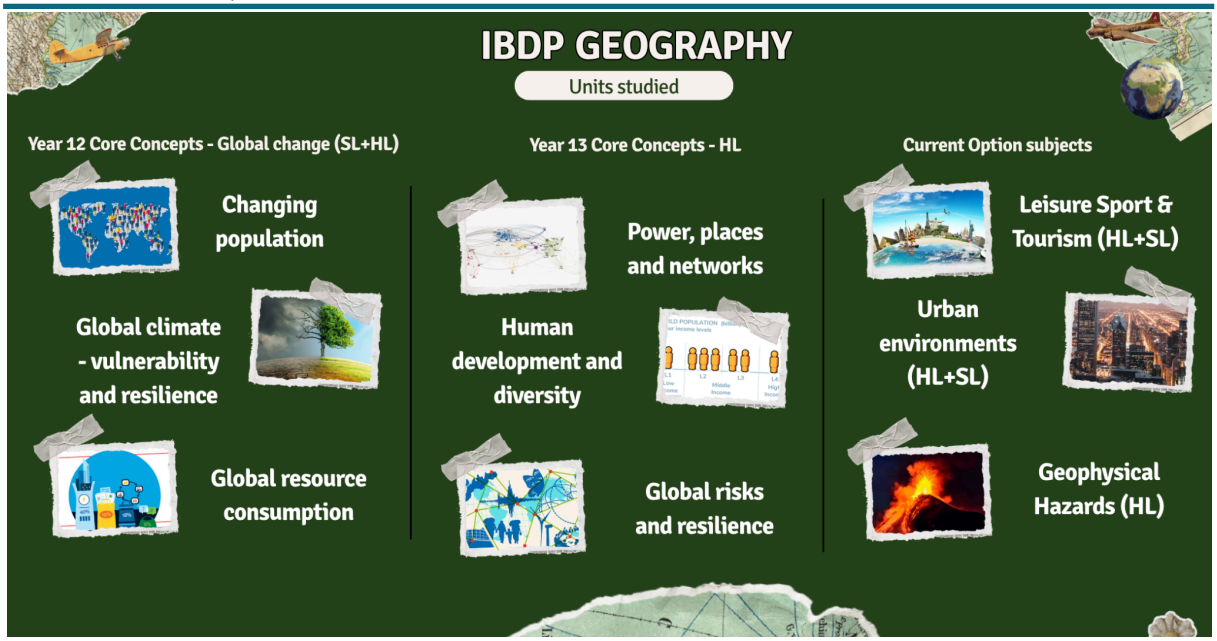
Geography is a dynamic subject firmly grounded in the real world, and focuses on the interactions between **individuals, societies and physical processes** in both time and space. It seeks to identify trends and patterns in these interactions.

The course integrates physical, environmental and human geography, and learners acquire elements of both socio-economic and scientific methodologies.

The Geography course requires the skills of extended **writing** (essays), independent **research** (fieldwork), plus criticality and process **knowledge**.

It cultivates critical thinking and analytical skills through the examination of complex human-environment interactions, preparing them for **careers** in fields such as urban planning, environmental consultancy, international development, and data analysis.

KEY CONTENT, CONCEPTS & SKILLS



RECOMMENDATIONS TO STUDY THIS COURSE

Given the language demands of Individuals and Societies subjects, learners are recommended to have achieved at least a Grade C (4) in IGCSE English **and** in either Global Perspectives or a Humanities subject.

ASSESSMENT

Type of assessment	Format of assessment	Time (hours)		Weighting of final grade (%)	
		SL	HL	SL	HL
External		2.75	4.5	75	80
Paper 1	Each option has a structured question and one extended answer question from a choice of two.	1.5	2.25	35	35
Paper 2	Three structured questions, based on each SL/HL core unit. Infographic or visual stimulus, with structured questions. One extended answer question from a choice of two.	1.25	1.25	40	25
Paper 3	Choice of three extended answer questions, with two parts, based on each HL core extension unit.		1		20
Internal		20	20	25	20
Fieldwork	One written report based on a fieldwork question from any suitable syllabus topic, information collection and analysis with evaluation.	20	20	25	20

LINKS TO SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Please head to **https://ibdp.options.nexus.edu.sg** to view the Geography Subject Brief.