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# COURSE OUTLINE - 2026

Course: 10 Geography	Code: 10GEO	LPF: Stage 2	Contact: <a href="#">Craig Blacklock</a> Geography Dept Instagram: <a href="#">@wc_geography</a>
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## Course information

Geography is the study of places, what makes them special, what happens within them, the connections among them, and the processes that have made them. Geographers specialise in studying the interactions between social and natural processes, the landscapes and social forms produced by these relationships, and how and why the places they make differ across space and time. Geographers have a deep interest in how our world is changing and how societies might intervene to make better futures.

### → Goals

With climate change upon us, environmental crises, growing inequalities in New Zealand and around the world, along with the increasing threat of global conflict, the subject of Geography has never been more important. Through purposeful study of Geography, the goal for students is to be well placed to make sense of the changes happening in our world. In addition to that you will develop geographical understandings that can lead to a diverse range of well paid and in-demand [Geography career options](#).

By the end of this course you will:

1. Have a good general knowledge of both New Zealand and world geography.
2. Have developed a wide range of geographic skills (including navigation skills).
3. Be familiar with basic geographic concepts.
4. Be very well placed to study Geography at Year 11.

### What you will learn

Year 10 Geography is a half-year course taken in conjunction with either 10HIS or 10CMM. Through studying Geography you will learn to think spatially and use maps, visual images and new technologies, to obtain, present and analyse information, and to think critically about the world around you.

### The Year 10 Geography topics are:

1. Mapping New Zealand & the world.
2. Orienteering on the waterfront and Matairangi Mt Victoria.
3. Human Geography: global study of gangs.
4. Physical Geography: landforms.
5. Geography in the news.
6. Geography jobs and careers.

**Field Trip:** There is a one day earthquake field trip around the Hutt Valley region. At this stage it is likely to be in Terms 2 & 4. There will be a charge to cover transport and details will be given nearer the time. Students will also do orienteering on Mount Victoria.

### → To be successful in this course, you should:

Have a curiosity about the world and current events.

### → Recommended prior learning

None

### → Assessment in Years 9 - 11

All courses in Years 9 -11 are assessed using the Wellington College Learning Progressions Framework (LPF). There will be ongoing formative assessment, called 'checkpoints'. You will also be evaluated after each phase of learning, and your Learning Progression will be posted on the portal.

See [our school website](#) for more information about assessment and reporting in Years 9 - 11.

- **Resources and equipment required**  
You will need a BYOD device and a 3B1 note book.

## Assessment

You will be assessed on tasks based on a world trip plan and a 3D model of a natural landform feature.

This course is an excellent foundation for Year 11 Geography, NCEA Level 2 Geography, NCEA Level 3 Geography and Scholarship Geography.

Topic	Content	Assessment Type	Dates
World Trip Plan	Choose a destination anywhere in the world and plan a trip there.	Slide show presentation	1st part of the semester
Landforms model	Choose a natural landform feature anywhere in the world and make an annotated 3D model of it.	Annotated 3D model	2nd part of the semester.

## Course Planner 2026

(note that students study current events throughout the year and that this the course planner is subject to change)

### Term 1

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11
<b>First Semester begins.</b> Intro.	NZ & the world. Mapping games	NZ & the world Mapping games	World Trip	World Trip LP	World Trip LP	Orienteering	Global study of gangs	Global study of gangs	Global study of gangs	Global study of gangs

### Term 2

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
Natural Landforms	Natural Landforms	Natural Landforms Earthquake field trip	Landforms 3D models LP	Landforms 3D models LP	Geography Careers	Mini-inquiry	<b>Second Semester begins.</b> Intro.	NZ & the world. Mapping games.

### Term 3

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
NZ & the world. Mapping games.	Geography Careers	Orienteering	World Trip	World Trip LP	World Trip LP	Global study of gangs	Global study of gangs	Global study of gangs	Global study of gangs

### Term 4

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
Natural Landforms	Natural Landforms Earthquake field trip	Natural Landforms	Landforms 3D LP	Landforms 3D LP	Mini-inquiry	Mini-inquiry	Outdoor Ed	Mini-inquiry