

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

MSci Geography (F802)

MSci Geography with Year Abroad (F804)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.
2. * From October 2018, entry to the four-year MSci (Geog) degree programme is available by transfer from the BSc (Geog) degree programme only. Transfer is based on application in Level 2 of the BSc programme and places are allocated on a competitive basis, subject to the agreed target of course places available. The September Board of Examiners in Geography will rank Level 2 weighted mean results for the cohort of students that applied to transfer to the programme earlier in Level 2. Transfer between programmes is not an entitlement, and is decided by the Board of Examiners in Geography.

Level 1 (Certificate)

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Human Geography: Space and Place in a Changing World #	GEOG1071	20
Introduction to Geographical Research (BSc) #	GEOG1232	40
Physical Geography #	GEOG1081	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
Environment and Society	GEOG1061	20
Geographies of Crisis	GEOG1241	20
Understanding Earth's Principles	GEOG1251	20
Level 1 Module(s) up to the value of 40 credits offered by any other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study), subject to timetable compatibility		20 or 40

Level 2 (Diploma)

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Scientific Research in Geography #	GEOG2462	40
Handling Spatial Data #	GEOG2591	20

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Climate Change: Geographical Perspectives	GEOG2661	20
Environmental Processes and Governance	GEOG2551	20
Fluvial Systems	GEOG2521	20
Geochemistry of the Environment	GEOG2651	20
Glaciers and Glaciation	GEOG2531	20
Global Environmental Change	GEOG2571	20
Mountain Landscapes	GEOG2611	20

7. Candidates may also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List C, subject to timetable compatibility:

List C:		Credit value
Economic Geography	GEOG2641	20
Geographies of Development	GEOG2541	20
Political Geography	GEOG2581	20
Social and Cultural Geography	GEOG2561	20
Theory and Concepts in Human Geography	GEOG2621	20
Urban Geography	GEOG2511	20
Level 2 Module up to the value of 20 credits offered by any other Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)		20

Level 3 (Degree)

8. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Dissertation	GEOG3432	40

9. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits taken from List D or E.

List D: (select up to 80 credits):		Credit value
Alpine Landscapes and Processes ¥	GEOG3491	20
Remote Sensing: Science & Environmental Management	GEOG3261	20
Field Research in Glacial Environments: Iceland Case Study ¥	GEOG3691	20
Oceans Past and Present	GEOG3641	20
River Dynamics	GEOG3461	20
Sea Level Change and Coastal Evolution	GEOG3191	20
The Arctic ¥	GEOG3521	20
The Quaternary of Glaciated Regions	GEOG3511	20

List E: (select up to 40 credits; an equal number of 10 credit modules must be selected from Terms 1 and 2):		Credit value
Antarctic Environments	GEOG3817	10
Geochemical Applications: Across Continents and Oceans	GEOG3827	10
Landslides	GEOG3807	10
Martian Landscapes	GEOG3897	10
Peatland Geomorphology	GEOG3947	10
WaterWorlds and Well-Being	GEOG3177	10

Level 3 (Degree) Students Returning From Level 2 Replacement Year Abroad

10. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Dissertation (Euro-Abroad)	GEOG3602	40

11. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List D or List E.

Level 4 (Masters)*

12. Candidates shall study and be assessed by the following modules:

		Credit value
Advanced Methods in Physical Geography	GEOG4018	30
Communicating Science in Physical Geography	GEOG4007	10
Research Project (MSci)	GEOG4023	60

13. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List F:

List F:		Credit value
Erosion and Orogenesis ¥	GEOG4111	20
Glacial Geology and Geomorphology: From Process to Application ¥	GEOG4051	20
Practical Skills in Sea Level Science ¥	GEOG4031	20

Assessment, progression and award

14. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the ordinary degree at the next Level.
15. Modules marked with a ¥ cannot be taken in conjunction with each other.
16. At Level 2 a student who fails to achieve the standards required under the Core Regulations for progression to Level 3 of the MSci in Geography (F802) but who achieves the standard required for progression to Level 3 of a Bachelors programme may progress to Level 3 of the BSc in Geography (F800) in the Honours or Ordinary stream in accordance with the Core Regulations
17. A student whose achievement at the end of Level 3 does not qualify them to proceed to Level 4 may be awarded the degree of BSc Geography (F800) with Honours or Ordinary in accordance with the Core Regulations for the award of a Bachelors degree.

Additional Year Abroad

18. Students admitted to the MSci Geography (F802) are able to apply to transfer to the MSci Geography (with Year Abroad) programme (F804). Students undertaking the MSci Geography (with Year Abroad) programme (F804) will undertake an approved study placement in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. During the year abroad students will be assessed at module level by the host University. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the MSci Geography with Year Abroad.
19. Candidates wishing to transfer to the MSci Geography (with Year Abroad) (F804) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the MSci Geography (F802) and progressed to Level 2 of the honours or Ordinary programme, and;
 - b. during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Geography to be admitted to the MSci Geography (with Year Abroad) (F804) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in the Department of Geography, and;
 - c. successfully complete Level 2 of the MSci Geography (F802) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the MSci Geography (F802) Honours programme.
20. Students who the Board of Examiners for the Department of Geography deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the MSci Geography (with Year Abroad) (F804). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the MSci Geography (with Year Abroad) (F804) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the MSci Geography (F802) programme.