

# <u>Durham University</u> <u>Faculty Handbook Online</u> www.durham.ac.uk/faculty.handbook/

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's <u>core regulations for undergraduate programmes</u>, and the <u>marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes</u>.

# **BA Geography (L702)**

# **BA Geography with Year Abroad (L704)**

# BA Geography (with Placement Year) (L706)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

### Level 1 (Certificate)

2. 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 (BA) #	<b>GEOG1222</b>	40
Physical Geography #	GEOG1081	20

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

List A:		Credit value
Planet Under Pressure	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		20 or 40
other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing		
language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign		
Language Study), subject to timetable compatibility		

#### Level 2 (Diploma)

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

		Credit value
Social Research in Geography #	<b>GEOG2472</b>	40
Theory and Concepts in Contemporary Human Geography #	<b>GEOG2621</b>	20

5. 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	<b>GEOG2661</b>	20
Contested Environments	GEOG2551	20
Economic Geography	<b>GEOG2641</b>	20
Geographies of Development	GEOG2541	20
Political Geography	GEOG2581	20
Social and Cultural Geography	GEOG2561	20
Urban Geography	<b>GEOG2511</b>	20

6. 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
Fluvial Systems	GEOG2521	20
Geochemistry of the Environment	GEOG2651	20
Glaciers and Glaciation	GEOG2531	20
Handling Geographic Information	GEOG2591	20
Mountain Landscapes	<u>GEOG2611</u>	20
Reconstructing Environmental Change	<u>GEOG2571</u>	20

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# Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Dissertation	<u>GEOG3232</u>	40

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

List D: (select up to 80 credits):		Credit value
Berlin: Culture, Politics and Contestation ¥	<u>GEOG3501</u>	20
Cape Town: Geographies of Energy Transition ¥	<u>GEOG3971</u>	20
Chicago: Sites of Global Change ¥	<u>GEOG3551</u>	20
Geographies of Difference	<u>GEOG3931</u>	20
Natural Hazards, Risk and Resilience	<u>GEOG3621</u>	20
Philosophy and Geography	<u>GEOG3481</u>	20
Politics and Space	<u>GEOG3661</u>	20
Territory and Geopolitics ¥	<u>GEOG3581</u>	20
The Arctic ¥	GEOG3521	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
Contesting Citizenship: Activism, Advocacy, Asylum	GEOG30C7	10
Europe: Geographies of Integration and Disintegration	GEOG30D7	10
Geographies of Money and Finance	<b>GEOG3957</b>	10
Global Environmental Politics	GEOG30B7	10
Neoliberal Life	<b>GEOG3537</b>	10
Postcolonialism and Development	<b>GEOG3877</b>	10
Race, Nature and Crisis	GEOG30A7	10
Unfreedom in Labour Relations	<b>GEOG3787</b>	10
Urban Governance	<b>GEOG3967</b>	10

9. Candidates may also study and be assessed in modules to the value up to 20 credits from List F, subject to timetable compatibility:

# List F: (select up to 20 credits; an equal number of 10 credit modules must be selected from Terms 1 and 2. One 10 credit module from List F may be combined with one 10 credit module from List E)

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Ice Age Environments	<u>GEOG3511</u>	20
Catchment Modelling for Management	<u>GEOG3987</u>	10
Landslides	GEOG3807	10
Oceans Past and Present	GEOG3641	20
Past Climates of The Low Latitudes	GEOG3927	10
Remote Sensing	GEOG3261	20
River Dynamics	GEOG3461	20
Sea Level Change and Coastal Evolution	GEOG3191	20

#### 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)	GEOG3592	40

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

#### Assessment, progression and award

- 12. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the ordinary degree at the next Level.
- 13. Modules marked with a ¥ cannot be taken in conjunction with each other.

#### **Additional Year Abroad**

- 14. Students admitted to the BA Geography (L702) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Geography (with Year Abroad) programme (L704). Students undertaking the BA Geography (with Year Abroad) programme (L704) 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 BA Geography with Year Abroad.
- 15. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Geography (with Year Abroad) (L704) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Geography (L702) 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 BA Geography (with Year Abroad) (L704) 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 BA Geography (L702) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Geography (L702) Honours programme.
- 16. 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 BA Geography (with Year Abroad) (L704). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BA Geography (with Year Abroad) (L704) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BA Geography (L702) programme.

#### **Placement Year**

- 17. Students admitted to the BA Geography (L702) are able to apply to transfer to the BA Geography (with Placement Year) programme (L706). Students taking the BA Geography (with Placement Year) (L706) will undertake an approved placement in a UK or overseas organisation consisting of at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience.
  - Following the placement year, students will be required to successfully complete a placement assessment as agreed by the Department, to determine whether the programme learning outcomes have been met. Assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree but successful completion is required to qualify for the BA Geography (with Placement Year) (L706). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BA Geography (L702) programme.
- 18. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BA Geography (with Placement Year) (L706) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BA Geography (L702) 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 BA Geography (with Placement) (L706) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
  - c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Officer; and

- d. successfully complete Level 2 of the BA Geography (L702) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BA Geography (L702).
- 19. Students whom the Board of Examiners for the Department of Geography deem to have fulfilled the programme learning outcomes and who successfully pass the placement assessment will continue to Level 3 of the BA Geography (with Placement Year) (L706). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BA Geography (with Placement Year) (L706) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BA Geography programme (L702).