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

# **BSc Geography (F800)**

### BSc Geography with Year Abroad (F803)

## BSc Geography (with Placement Year) (F805)

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 #	<u>GEOG1071</u>	20
Introduction to Geographical Research (BSc) #	GEOG1232	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	<u>GEOG1061</u>	20
Geographies of Crisis	<u>GEOG1241</u>	20
Introduction to Climate Change	<u>GEOG1261</u>	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)

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

		Credit value
Scientific Research in Geography #	<u>GEOG2462</u>	40
Handling Geographic Information #	<u>GEOG2591</u>	20

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

List B:		Credit value
Carbon and Biogeochemical Cycles	<u>GEOG2651</u>	20
Climate Change: Geographical Perspectives	<u>GEOG2661</u>	20
Contested Environments	<u>GEOG2551</u>	20
Glaciers and Glaciation	<u>GEOG2531</u>	20
Mountain Landscapes	<u>GEOG2611</u>	20
Reconstructing Environmental Change	<u>GEOG2571</u>	20

6. Candidates may (as a replacement for up to 20 credits from List B) 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	<u>GEOG2641</u>	20
Geographies of Development	<u>GEOG2541</u>	20
Political Geography	<u>GEOG2581</u>	20
Social and Cultural Geography	<u>GEOG2561</u>	20
Theory and Concepts in Contemporary Human Geography	<u>GEOG2621</u>	20
Urban Geography	<u>GEOG2511</u>	20
Level 2 Module up to the value of 20 credits offered by any other		20
Board of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language		

modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study)

### Level 3 (Degree)

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

Dissertation <u>GEOG3432</u> 40

 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): Iceland: Field Research in Glacial Environments ¥ Mountain Hazards ¥ Natural Hazards, Risk and Resilience Oceans Past and Present Remote Sensing	GEOG3691 GEOG3701 GEOG3621 GEOG3641 GEOG3261	Credit value 20 20 20 20 20 20
River Dynamics	<u>GEOG3461</u>	20
Sea Level Change and Coastal Evolution	<u>GEOG3191</u>	20
The Arctic ¥	<u>GEOG3521</u>	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	<u>GEOG3817</u>	10
Earth Surface Processes and Landscape Evolution	<u>GEOG3017</u>	10
Ice Age Environments	<u>GEOG30K7</u>	10
Landslides	<u>GEOG3807</u>	10
Peatland Geomorphology and Management	GEOG3947	10

9. Candidates may (as a replacement for up to 20 credits from Lists D & E) 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)		Credit value
Contesting Citizenship: Activism, Advocacy, Asylum	GEOG30C7	10
Critical Resource Geographies	<u>GEOG30G7</u>	10
Feminist Geographies: Intimacy, Body, State	<u>GEOG3997</u>	10
Geographies of Difference	<u>GEOG3931</u>	20
Geographies of Money and Finance	<u>GEOG3957</u>	10
Global Environmental Politics	<u>GEOG30B7</u>	10
Philosophy and Geography	<u>GEOG3481</u>	20
Political Geographies of Population	<u>GEOG30L7</u>	10
Politics and Space	<u>GEOG3661</u>	20
Understanding Land Conflicts	<u>GEOG30E7</u>	10

### Level 3 (Degree) Students Returning From Year Abroad / Placement Year

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

		Credit value
Dissertation (Euro-Abroad)	<u>GEOG3602</u>	40

11. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List D, E or 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 BSc Geography (F800) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Geography (with Year Abroad) programme (F803). Students undertaking the BSc Geography (with Year Abroad) programme (F803) 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 BSc Geography with Year Abroad.
- 15. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Geography (with Year Abroad) (F803) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Geography (F800) 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 BSc Geography (with Year Abroad) (F803) 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 BSc Geography (F800) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Geography (F800) 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 BSc Geography (with Year Abroad) (F803). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Geography (with Year Abroad) (F803) programme, but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Geography (F800) programme.

#### **Placement Year**

17. Students admitted to the BSc Geography (F800) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Geography (with Placement Year) programme (F805). Students taking the BSc Geography (with Placement Year) (F805) will undertake an approved placement or placements 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 BSc Geography (with Placement Year) (F805). If a student fails, they will transfer to the BSc Geography (F800) programme.

- 18. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Geography (with Placement Year) (F805) must:
  - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Geography (F800) 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 BSc Geography (with Placement) (F805) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies; and
  - c. secure a placement / year abroad opportunity or opportunities 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 BSc Geography (F800) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Geography (F800).
- 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 BSc Geography (with Placement Year) (F805). Students who fail will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Geography (with Placement Year) (F805) programme, but must instead proceed to the final year of the BSc Geography programme (F800).