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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>.

# **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#	<b>GEOG1071</b>	20
Introduction to Geographical Research (BSc) #	<b>GEOG1232</b>	40
Physical Geography #	<b>GEOG1081</b>	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	<b>GEOG1061</b>	20
Geographies of Crisis	GEOG1241	20
Introduction to Climate Change	<b>GEOG1261</b>	20
Level 1 Module(s) 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		

#### 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
Glaciers and Glaciation	GEOG2531	20
Managing River Catchments	<u>GEOG2521</u>	20
Mountain Landscapes	GEOG2611	20
Reconstructing Environmental Change	GEOG2571	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	<b>GEOG2641</b>	20
Geographies of Development	<b>GEOG2541</b>	20
Political Geography	<b>GEOG2581</b>	20
Social and Cultural Geography	<b>GEOG2561</b>	20
Theory and Concepts in Contemporary Human Geography	<b>GEOG2621</b>	20
Urban Geography	<b>GEOG2511</b>	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:

		Credit value
Dissertation (40 credits) in Geography B	GEOG3432	40

8. 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
Iceland: Field Research in Glacial Environments ¥	GEOG3691	20
Mountain Hazards ¥	<b>GEOG3701</b>	20
Natural Hazards, Risk and Resilience	<b>GEOG3621</b>	20
Oceans Past and Present	<u>GEOG3641</u>	20
River Dynamics	<b>GEOG3461</b>	20
Sea Level Change and Coastal Evolution	GEOG3191	20
The Arctic ¥	<b>GEOG3521</b>	20
Mediterranean Environments ¥	GEOG30M1	20
Remote Sensing	GEOG3261	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 >	<b>GEOG3817</b>	10
Peatland Landscapes and Management <	GEOG3947	10
Catchment Modelling <	<b>GEOG3987</b>	10
Earth Surface Processes and Landscape Evolution <	GEOG3017	10
Glacial Sedimentary Environments <	GEOG30H7	10
Ice Age Environments >	GEOG30K7	10
Landslides >	<b>GEOG3807</b>	10
Living Landscapes: Stability and Change in the Anthropocene >	GEOG30P7	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:

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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
Geographies of Difference	GEOG3931	20
Europe: Geographies of Integration and Disintegration <	GEOG30D7	10
Geographies of Life and Living >	GEOG30F7	10
Neoliberal Life >	GEOG3537	10
Politics and Space	GEOG3661	20
Theory and Geography	GEOG3481	20
Justice and Earth Reparations <	GEOG30B7	10
Understanding Land Conflicts <	GEOG30E7	10
Political Geographies of Population >	GEOG30L7	10
Geographies of Humanitarianism and the Human <	GEOG30Q7	10
East Asian Political Geographies <	GEOG30N7	10

#### Assessment, progression and award

- 10. Modules marked with a # must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the Honours degree at the next Level.
- 11. Modules marked with a ¥ cannot be taken in conjunction with each other.
- 12. Modules marked with a < will be delivered in Term 1, while modules marked with a > will be delivered in Term 2

## **Additional Year Abroad**

- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 programme, and;
  - 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.
- 15. 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**

- 16. 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.
- 17. 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 programme; and
  - 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
  - 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).
- 18. 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).