UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

BA (Hons)

Geography

UCAS code L700

Entry requirements	Study mode	Duration	
A level: ABB	Full-time	3 years	Apply by: **13 January 2027** Starts on: **27 September 2027**

About this course

Geography – writing the world - offers essential insights into the most pressing challenges facing our planet. Globalisation, geopolitics, the legacies of colonialism, migration and population change, and the climate crisis are amongst the largest challenges confronting society in the 21st century. Our Geography BA helps you to understand these issues, and, more importantly, what some of the solutions are.

Introduction

Geography offers unique insights into many of the most pressing issues facing the world in the 21st century. The University of Liverpool is home to one of the longest established Geography departments in the world, with courses on offer since 1886. Our teaching is research-led, and spans social and cultural change, urban and rural geographies, political and environmental activism, population change and migration, health, geodemographics, and geographical data science.

Our Geography BA (Hons) course helps you develop expert knowledge and skills to interrogate the range of different perspectives on these issues, the ability to understand how they interact, and the ability to think about what might be done about them.

Students on this course often choose human geography-oriented modules, but you can also take some physical geography modules and maintain a balance between the two areas of geography. You can also take up to two 15-credit modules per year from other subjects to as part of your geography degree.

From your first week to your final year, field classes in a European city are an integral part of your learning. There is also the opportunity to undertake final year dissertation fieldwork abroad.

What you'll learn

- Develop a strong understanding of the world through research-led teaching.
- Options in planning, politics, physical geography and environmental sciences
- Opportunities for field-based learning
- An emphasis on active, problem-based learning (learning by doing)
- Hands-on experience of cutting-edge laboratory technologies
- Innovative GIS, statistical and qualitative research methodologies
- Build analytical, research, team-working and communication skills
- A final-year independent research-based dissertation supervised by a dedicated expert in the field.

Accreditation

The Geography BA (Hons) programme is accredited by the Royal Geographic Society with IBG.

Accreditation in detail

Royal Geographical Society

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is the UK's learned society and professional body for geography.

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year one

All students take core modules in year one, which introduce you to core ideas in the breadth of the subject, and the key ideas which inform the rest of the course. You can also choose optional modules from within human and physical geography, or from other disciplines.

Students will take the following compulsory modules and choose two optional modules as detailed below. You will develop essential university skills, including academic writing, data analysis, and digital mapping.

We'll provide module details shortly.

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change. As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we are currently reviewing all of our programmes. This may include refining study pathways, strengthening links with employers, integrating generative AI, developing students' research skills, and enhancing alignment with our research strengths. The course content currently shown on this page reflects the programme as it is running in September 2026. This page will be updated for students beginning in September 2027 by 1 September 2026 at the latest.

Year two

Year two develops research and analytical skills. You will learn how geographers collect, process, and interpret data using quantitative, qualitative, statistical, and digital methods. A residential field course in a European city provides experience of designing and conducting investigations in the field.

Alongside core research training, you will choose four additional modules from a range of human geography specialisms, and can choose physical geography modules along with options from outside the discipline.

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Year three

In year three, you will complete an independent dissertation, which brings together the skills and techniques you have learned in the degree to produce your own piece of academic research. On top of the dissertation, you will have the freedom to explore your own interests and will choose six optional modules from both human and physical geography.

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

You will learn through a mix of research-led lectures, seminars, workshops, tutorials, labs, and fieldwork, all designed to combine theory with hands-on practice. Lectures introduce key concepts and are supported by digital resources, while seminars and workshops let you explore ideas, solve problems, and work with others. Tutorials in years one and two, typically with eight students, give personalised guidance and feedback on your academic and professional skills.

Practical sessions, including labs, computers, and GIS, build your technical skills, and many modules include real-world tasks such as reports, data projects, and group presentations. Fieldwork is a highlight of the course, starting with a local week in Liverpool in Year 1 and progressing to residential and advanced trips in later years. These experiences teach observation, data collection, teamwork, and problem-solving in a variety of environments.

Independent study is supported throughout, starting with guided exercises and building up to a final-year dissertation or research project. Flexible online resources, videos, and discussion boards help you learn at your own pace. Our teaching combines research, practical skills, and inclusive support to give you the knowledge, confidence, and experience to succeed—both at university and beyond.

How you're assessed

Assessments are designed around developing skills, ways of working and styles of communication that assess what you have learned and in ways that are also valued by employers.

Assessments are varied, transparent, and inclusive, allowing you to demonstrate knowledge, practical skills, and critical thinking in multiple ways.

So, in addition to exams and essays, you will also undertake assessments that include computer-based exercises, oral presentations, policy briefs, field projects, and research reports. Geography students complete a compulsory 10,000-word dissertation in their final year on a topic of their choice. This is your opportunity to develop skills as an independent academic researcher, supported on a one-to-one basis by an expert in the field.

Liverpool Learning Framework

At Liverpool, we take a distinctive approach to education through the Liverpool Learning Framework. This means teaching that is engaging, inclusive and designed to help you succeed during your studies and beyond.

You'll develop specialist subject knowledge alongside the skills employers value most, including:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three Liverpool Hallmarks:

- Research-connected teaching - learning informed by the latest ideas and discoveries
- Active learning - taking part, applying knowledge and learning by doing
- Authentic assessment - assessments designed around real-world tasks and challenges

We also embed key priorities across our curriculum, including AI literacy, employability, and sustainability, helping you prepare for the future and make a positive impact in the world.

We're committed to creating a supportive and inclusive learning environment where every student can thrive.

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Careers and employability

Geography – knowing the world – is a subject that bridges social and physical sciences, quantitative and qualitative research, and emphasises fieldwork. Those studying geography develop transferable knowledge and skills which open up a wide range of career opportunities.

By the time you graduate, you will have developed core problem-solving, teamwork, and research skills that stand students in good stead for a range of employment destinations.

We encourage students to undertake work experience and internships during the course of their degree. Our students can also select a work-based dissertation, which combines the final year independent research project with a placement in industry.

You can explore the following work experience opportunities:

- Internships during the course of their degree
- Your dissertation can combine the final year independent research project with a placement in industry or a voluntary or community organisation.

Students can also continue their studies at postgraduate level and PhD study with opportunities to apply for funding from a range of organisations, including the Economic and Social Research Council (ERSC) and the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC). Geography is a subject that bridges the social and physical sciences. Those studying geography develop transferable knowledge and skills which open up a wide range of career opportunities.

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £10,050
Year in industry fee - £2,010
Year abroad fee - £1,508 (applies to year in China)

International fees

Full-time place, per year - £27,000
Year in industry fee - £1,955
Year abroad fee - £13,500 (applies to year in China)

The UK fees shown are for the academic year 2027/28. The international fees shown are for the academic year 2026/27 and will be subject for change for the academic year 2027/28. Please be advised that tuition fees may increase each year for both UK and international students. For UK students, this will be subject to the government's regulated fee limits.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. Learn more about paying for your studies.

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. You can find information on the general and subject-specific costs you could expect to incur on our study costs webpage.

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Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

ABB

Applicants with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) are eligible for a reduction in grade requirements. For this course, the offer is **BBB** from A levels, with **A** in the EPQ.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about how we make reduced grade offers.

If you don't meet the entry requirements, you may be able to complete a foundation year which would allow you to progress to this course.

Available foundation years:

- Geography BSc (Hons) (4 year route including a foundation year at Carmel College) BSc (Hons)

T levels

T levels considered in a relevant subject and specialism.

Applicants should contact us by completing the enquiry form on our website to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

Subject requirements

For applicants studying A levels with English exam boards: Where a science has been taken at A level (Chemistry, Biology, Geology or Physics), a pass in the Science practical

of each subject will be required.

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma

D*DD in relevant diploma

International Baccalaureate

32 points overall with no score less than 4, or pass the IB Diploma plus 6,5,5 in three HL subjects.

Irish Leaving Certificate

H1, H2, H2, H2, H3, H3

Scottish Higher/Advanced Higher

Not accepted without Advanced Highers at grades ABB.

Welsh Baccalaureate Advanced

B in the Welsh Baccalaureate, plus AB at A level (including Geography).

Access

Pass Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject with 45 Level 3 credits, with 33 at Distinction (including 15 credits in one science subject) and 12 at Merit.

International qualifications

Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.

If you hold a bachelor's degree or equivalent, but don't meet our entry requirements, you could be eligible for a Pre-Master's course. This is offered on campus at the University of Liverpool International College, in partnership with Kaplan International Pathways. It's a specialist preparation course for postgraduate study, and when you pass the Pre-Master's at the required level with good attendance, you're guaranteed entry to a University of Liverpool master's degree.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, contact us for advice
- If you are returning to learning, have had a disrupted education or are switching career pathways, the one-year Go Higher diploma qualifies you to apply for University of Liverpool arts, humanities and social sciences programmes
- Applications from mature students are welcome.

English language requirements

You'll need to demonstrate competence in the use of English language, unless you're from a majority English speaking country.

We accept a variety of international language tests and country-specific qualifications.

International applicants who do not meet the minimum required standard of English language can complete one of our Pre-Sessional English courses to achieve the required level.

IELTS

6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5

TOEFL iBT

If you took a TOEFL test on or before 20 January 2026, you'll need 88 overall, with minimum scores of listening 17, writing 17, reading 17 and speaking 19. If you took a TOEFL test from 21 January 2026 onwards, when a new scoring system was introduced, you'll need 4.5 overall, with 4 or above in all components. TOEFL Home Edition not accepted.

Duolingo English Test

125 overall, with speaking, reading and writing not less than 105, and listening not below 100

Pearson PTE Academic

61 overall, with no component below 59

LanguageCert Academic

70 overall, with no skill below 60

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0500

Grade C overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking and listening. Speaking and listening must be separately endorsed on the certificate.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English 0990

Grade 4 overall, with Merit in speaking and listening

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0510/0511

0510: Grade B overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0511: Grade B overall.

Cambridge IGCSE Second Language English 0993/0991

0993: Grade 6 overall, with a minimum of grade 2 in speaking. Speaking must be separately endorsed on the certificate. 0991: Grade 6 overall.

Cambridge ESOL Level 2/3 Advanced

176 overall, with no paper below 162

International Baccalaureate English A: Literature or Language & Literature

Grade 5 at Standard Level or grade 5 at Higher Level

International Baccalaureate English B

Grade 7 at Standard Level or grade 6 at Higher Level

Pre-sessional English

Do you need to complete a Pre-sessional English course to meet the English language requirements for this course?

The length of Pre-sessional English course you'll need to take depends on your current level of English language ability.

Pre-sessional English in detail

If you don't meet our English language requirements, we can use your most recent IELTS score, or the equivalent score in selected other English language tests, to determine the length of Pre-sessional English course you require.

Use the table below to check the course length you're likely to require for your current English language ability and see whether the course is available on campus or online.

Your most recent IELTS score	Pre-sessional English course length	On campus or online
6.0 overall, with no component below 5.5	6 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no more than one component at 5.0	10 weeks	On campus or online
5.5 overall, with no component below 5.0	12 weeks	Online
5.0 overall, with no component below 5.0	20 weeks	On campus
5.0 overall, with no component below 4.5	30 weeks	On campus
4.5 overall, with no more than one component at 4.0	40 weeks	On campus

If you've completed an alternative English language test to IELTS, we may be able to use this to assess your English language ability and determine the Pre-sessional English course length you require.

Please see our guide to Pre-sessional English entry requirements for IELTS 6.5 overall, with no component below 5.5, for further details.

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