UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

BSc (Hons)

Geography

UCAS code F800

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 offers unique insights to many of the most pressing issues facing the world in the 21st century, including climate change, environmental impacts, sustainability, hazards, pollution, and natural resource management. Our Geography BSc (Hons) course helps you develop expert knowledge and skills with which to examine different approaches to, and perspectives on, these issues, as well as the ability to understand how they intersect.

Introduction

Many people who take the Geography BSc (Hons) programme choose physical geography modules, which are more scientifically based. However, the full range of human geography modules is also open to you. Our flexibility of module choice allows you to shape your own programme of study. This means that you can either specialise in physical geography or study both physical and human geography as part of a BSc degree.

You can also take up to two 15– credit modules per year from other subjects so you can maintain an interest in other disciplines as part of your Geography BSc (Hons) degree. We will guide you in your module choice to ensure that you choose modules that

complement each other and follow a pathway that will help you to gain essential skills and knowledge relevant to your future career. Our attractive Study Abroad and Year in Industry schemes provide further opportunities for you to develop your experience and employability skills.

The course involves laboratory and field work. Fieldwork is carried out in various locations, ranging from inner city to coastal and upland environments.

We consider applications from prospective disabled students on the same basis as all other students, and reasonable adjustments will be considered to address barriers to access.

The University of Liverpool is home to one of the longest-established Geography departments in the world, with courses on offer since 1886. Our expertise in physical geography spans climate change (past, present and future), rivers and flooding, glaciology and ice sheets, coastal dynamics and management, vegetation change, sustainability, natural hazards and living with environmental change.

The Geography BSc (Hons) programme explores important questions about whether our planet's natural resources can sustain an increasing population, how physical earth systems respond to human activity and changing climate, how we manage our resources sustainably, and adapt to and mitigate climate change. If you are passionate about environmental issues and addressing societally relevant problems, this programme is for you.

What you'll learn

- Specialise in physical or human geography, or both
- Fieldwork opportunities, internationally and closer to home
- A vibrant city to study, with dynamic coastal and upland environments
- Socio-cultural, political, and physical landscape evident within the city region
- Award-winning learning environment
- Opportunities for career skills development.

Accreditation

This programme is accredited by the Royal Geographical 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

To give a strong foundation to your degree, all students take core modules in year one, which introduce you to the breadth of the subject and give you a grounding in the key concepts and skills which are integral to the rest of the course. You then get a choice of optional modules from within physical or human geography, or from other disciplines including geology, oceanography, ecology, earth sciences, life sciences, planning, modern languages, sociology and psychology, amongst many others.

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

In year two, skills development is a central part of the course, including a week-long field class to Lorca, Spain. You can then choose additional modules from a range of physical geography specialisms, including Climatology, Catchment hydrology, Geomorphology, Changing Environments, Soils and An Introduction to Environmental History, along with human geography modules and those from other disciplines.

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Year three

In year three, you will complete a dissertation, which brings together the skills and techniques you have learned in the degree to produce an independent piece of academic research. There are also opportunities for overseas field study.

Please note that you will select compulsory dissertation or work-based dissertation modules (30 credits) in addition to six (four if taking the optional field class module) of the optional modules detailed below.

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Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

To help you meet the intellectual and practical challenges of studying Geography, our programmes are taught using a student– centred approach, involving a range of learning experiences. These include:

- Small tutor groups (typically eight students) through all years
- High levels of field-based learning within the UK and abroad
- An emphasis on active, problem-based learning (learning by doing)
- Hands-on experience of cutting-edge laboratory technologies in physical geography

- Innovative GIS, statistical and qualitative research methodologies and community consultation in human geography
- Supervised independent and group project work, including (for Single Honours degrees) a final-year independent research-based dissertation supervised by a dedicated expert in the field.

The field-based learning is carried out in locations both near and far, ranging from inner city to coastal and upland environments. We consider applications from prospective students with disabilities on the same basis as all other students, and reasonable adjustments will be considered to address barriers to access.

How you're assessed

Assessments are designed around developing skills and styles of communication that will be relevant for future employment. So, in addition to exams and essays, you will also undertake assessments that include computer-based exercises, oral presentations, policy briefs, field projects, website and poster design, and research reports. Single honours 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 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, and which are robust to changes in the job market. Geography graduates are highly employable.

By the time you graduate, you will have developed core research skills across the Geography discipline, including GIS, field- and laboratory-based investigation, statistics and data science, thus standing students in good stead for a wide 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:

- A year in industry, which is a year-long placement with a company or organisation in an area relevant to your degree
- Short internships with local government, health sector, energy and transport providers, businesses, and environmental consultancies and regulatory organisations
- Your work-based dissertation combines the final-year independent research project with a placement in industry.

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 (ESRC), Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC). 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 - £32,000
Year in industry fee - £1,955
Year abroad fee - £16,000 (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
including Geography A level or an A level in another science subject.

Narrowly missed the entry requirements on results day? If you've studied these subjects, we may take them into account:

If Geography not taken, one science subject to at least AS level grade B is acceptable.

Acceptable Science Subjects: Geography, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Further Maths, Environmental Science (NOT Environmental Studies), Applied Science, Computer Science.

For applicants from England: 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

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 are not currently accepted.

GCSE

4/C in English and 4/C in Mathematics

Subject requirements

Accepted science subjects:
Applied ICT
Biology (and Human Biology)
Chemistry
Computer Science
Economics
Electronics
Environmental Science
Further Mathematics
Geography
Geology
ICT
Life and Health Sciences
Mathematics
Psychology
Physics
Statistics.

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 a relevant subject.

International Baccalaureate

32 points overall with no score less than 4 (including 5 in HL Geography), or 6,5,5 in 3 HL subjects (including Geography).

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

Access

Pass Access to HE Diploma in a relevant subject with 45 Level 3 credits, with 33 at Distinction 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
- 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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