

COURSE INFORMATION

Why study Higher Geography?

This course is designed to enable you to use geographical analysis to develop a detailed understanding of important aspects of the contemporary world. This involves studying the ways that people and the environment interact and examining the environmental issues that arise in a rapidly changing world. Throughout the course you will have the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills including research, evaluation and presentation, IT, mapping and statistics.

The skills you learn in Geography are valuable in a wide range of career sectors, including: working with development or aid agencies, environmental work, working for the census office and in tourism and leisure.

Entry to the Course

Entry is at the discretion of the school or college, but you would normally be expected to have achieved:

- **National 5 Geography** or relevant units from course

Course Outline

The course consists of **three** compulsory units and the course assessment unit.

Geography: Physical Environments

Key topics include:

- Atmosphere
- Hydrosphere
- Lithosphere
- Biosphere.

Geography: Human Environments

Key topics include:

- Population
- rural land use change and management
- urban change and management.

Geography: Global Issues

Key topics include:

- river basin management
- development and health
- global climate change
- trade, aid and geopolitics
- energy.

Assignment

- identifying a geographical topic or issue
- carrying out research, which should include fieldwork where appropriate
- demonstrate knowledge of the suitability of the methods and/or reliability of the sources used
- processing and using a range of information gathered
- drawing on detailed knowledge and understanding of the topic or issue
- analysing information from a range of sources
- reaching a conclusion supported by a range of evidence on a geographical topic or issue
- communicating information

ASSESSMENT

The course assessment has two components:

- a question paper (60 marks)
- an assignment (30 marks)

PROGRESSION

What follows on Higher Geography?

In Turriff Academy, there is a full range of courses:

