

Edexcel 9-1 IGCSE Geography frequently asked questions:

How will the IGCSE Geography course be delivered?

- ✓ IGCSE Geography is an optional subject available to students in Year 10 and Year 11 delivered in three lessons weekly.
- ✓ Students will be assigned one teacher to deliver the three weekly lessons, we aim to for students to have the same teacher for both Year 10 and Year 11 where this is feasible.

How much out of class learning will my son/ daughter be expected to complete?

- ✓ Students should be expected to complete 1 homework task every 1-2 weeks. This activity will vary in size/ length based on what is deemed appropriate by the class teacher, but should take no more than 45 minutes.
- ✓ Students will be expected to prepare in advance for end of topic class assessments, these are held once per term. Additional time will be needed to prepare for these assessments.
- ✓ Students are encouraged to engage in wider reading and keeping up-to date with geographical and geo-political news. This will help to reinforce their classwork learning and strengthen their understanding.

What order will the course be delivered in?

- ✓ There are five compulsory taught units for IGCSE. The physical Geography content will be delivered in term 1 and term 2 of Year 10. The human and economic Geography content will be delivered in term 3 of Year 10 and term 1 and 2 of Year 11. Term 3 of Y11 will be dedicated to revision ahead of the final examinations.

Where can I find a copy of the examination board specification and past papers for reference?

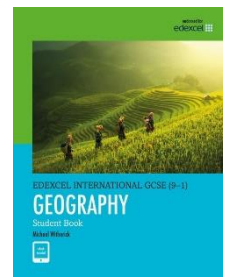
- ✓ Exam specification: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-gcse/international-gcse-geography-2017.html>
- ✓ Past examination papers: <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-international-gcse/international-gcse-geography-2017.coursematerials.html#%2FfilterQuery=category:Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials>

What topics are studied in the IGCSE course?

- ✓ Students will study two physical geography topics including hazardous environments and coastal environments. In addition, students will study three human and economic geography topics including urban environments, economic activity & energy and fragile environments and climate change.

Which textbook will be provided by school for the course?

- ✓ There is one published textbook to accompany the Edexcel IGCSE course – all students will be issued with a paperback version of the 'Pearson Edexcel International GCSE 9-1 Geography Student book' at the start of Year 10 via the college library. The student book also contains a subscription to an online version of the textbook known as an 'ActiveBook', students may choose to use this version rather than bring the paper version into school.



Are there any extra materials I need to purchase for my son/ daughter to study this course?

- ✓ The purchase of additional textbooks or revision materials is not necessary, Jumeriah College will provide all learning materials. Students should have access to a scientific calculator and geometry set (these will no doubt be needed for GCSE Mathematics already and should not require addition purchase).

How frequent are the in-class assessments?

- ✓ There will be one formal standardized and moderated assessment held in class or SFL (based on learning need) each term. The assessment will be 25 marks and 30 minutes in duration or 37.5 minutes long with extra time (if this is a concession awarded by the SFL department based on learning need)

Is there any coursework or controlled assessment?

- ✓ There is no coursework or controlled assessment. However, all students in Year 11 will be required to attend a compulsory field-trip(s) in the UAE to undertake primary data/ field-work collection. This may be a sequence of one day trips or an extended residential trip (COVID health & safety requirements dependent). This field-work will be assessed in one section of the physical and human geography examinations. In total 23% of the IGCSE marks from the two examination papers will link to these field-work experiences

When will the external/ final examinations take place?

- ✓ All external examinations are held in Year 11 at the end of the course. IGCSE examinations are typically scheduled in May.

How long are the external/ final examinations?

- ✓ The physical geography examination is 1 hour 10 minutes and awarded out of 70 marks, this paper is worth 40% of the IGCSE grade. The human geography examination is 1 hour 45 minutes and awarded out of 105 marks, this paper is worth 60% of the IGCSE grade.

What is the historic achievement of students who have studied IGCSE Geography?

- ✓ Our last cohort studied Cambridge IGCSE using the old grading systems of A*-G rather than Edexcel IGCSE which uses the 9-1 grading. The results in Summer 2020 for Cambridge IGCSE were as follows: 77.4% of Y11 geography students achieved an A* or A grade, 97.8% of students achieved an A*-B grade and 100% of students.

Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

- ✓ Please reach out to either your teachers current Year 9 geography teacher or the Head of Department – Mrs. White on s.white_jcd@gemsedu.com

