

Leaving Cert - Geography



Geography

- + Geography is concerned with understanding the world around us and the relationships between the physical world and people.





Why choose Geography?



Geography is about the future and encourages problem solving and critical thinking.

See the world from a different view.

Making wise decisions for the future which encompass the global needs of sustainable development.

Geographers tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing our planet today.



If you love Geography, why not choose it?!

Geographers develop transferable skills including independence, teamwork, graphical, statistical and fieldwork.

Geography is a hands on subject that helps you to make sense of the world around you.

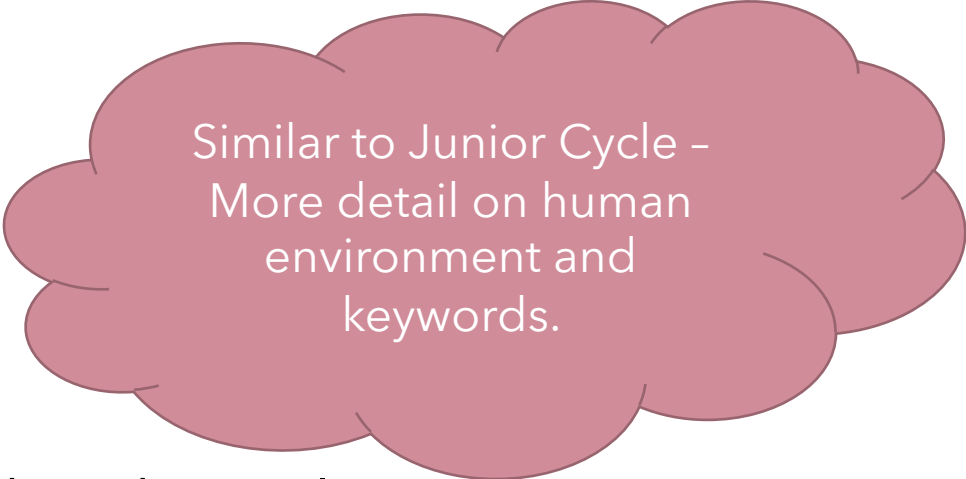
Geographers ask questions and develop enquiring minds.

Geography enables you to become globally and environmentally informed citizens.

Levels

- + Higher Level
- + Ordinary Level
- + **NB: All students will study the course at HL in 5th year. Choices on levels will be decided after 5th year Summer Exams.**

Course layout



Similar to Junior Cycle -
More detail on human
environment and
keywords.

- + Core Unit 1: Patterns and processes in the physical environment
- + Core Unit 2: Regional Geography
- + Core Unit 3: Geographical Investigation
- + Elective Unit 4: Patterns and Processes in economic activities OR human environment
- + HL only pick one: Global interdependence, Geoecology, Culture and Identity, Atmosphere-Ocean environment

Exam Structure

- + Leaving Certificate Geography is assessed at Ordinary and Higher level in ascending order of difficulty. There are two assessment components:
- + Written Examination (80%)
- + Geographical Investigation Report (20%)
- + SRPS



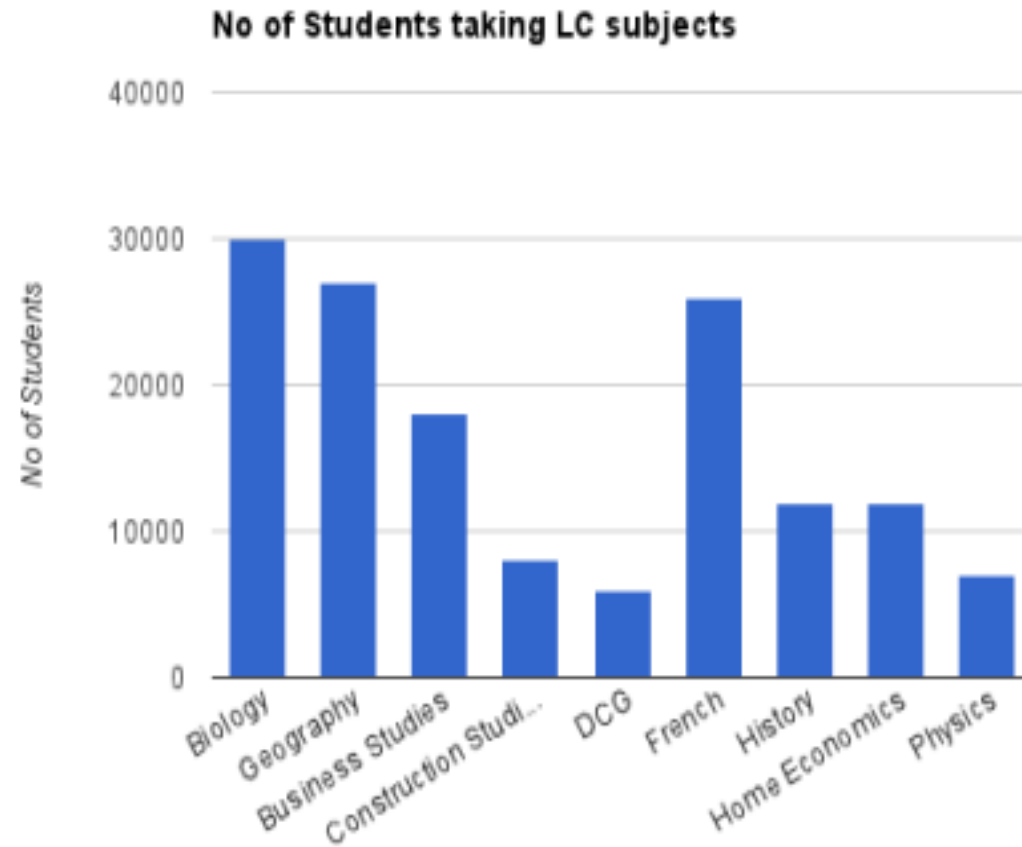


Exam Structure

1. 12 short questions (students are marked on 10), which cover all aspects of the course and are worth 80 marks (16% of the total marks).
2. Students must answer one long question from physical geography, one from regional and one from economic geography. The three long questions make up 240 marks in total (48% of the total).
3. Long question - students are offered a choice of three questions and are required to answer one. Makes up 80 marks (16% of the total marks)
4. Geographical Investigation - 20%

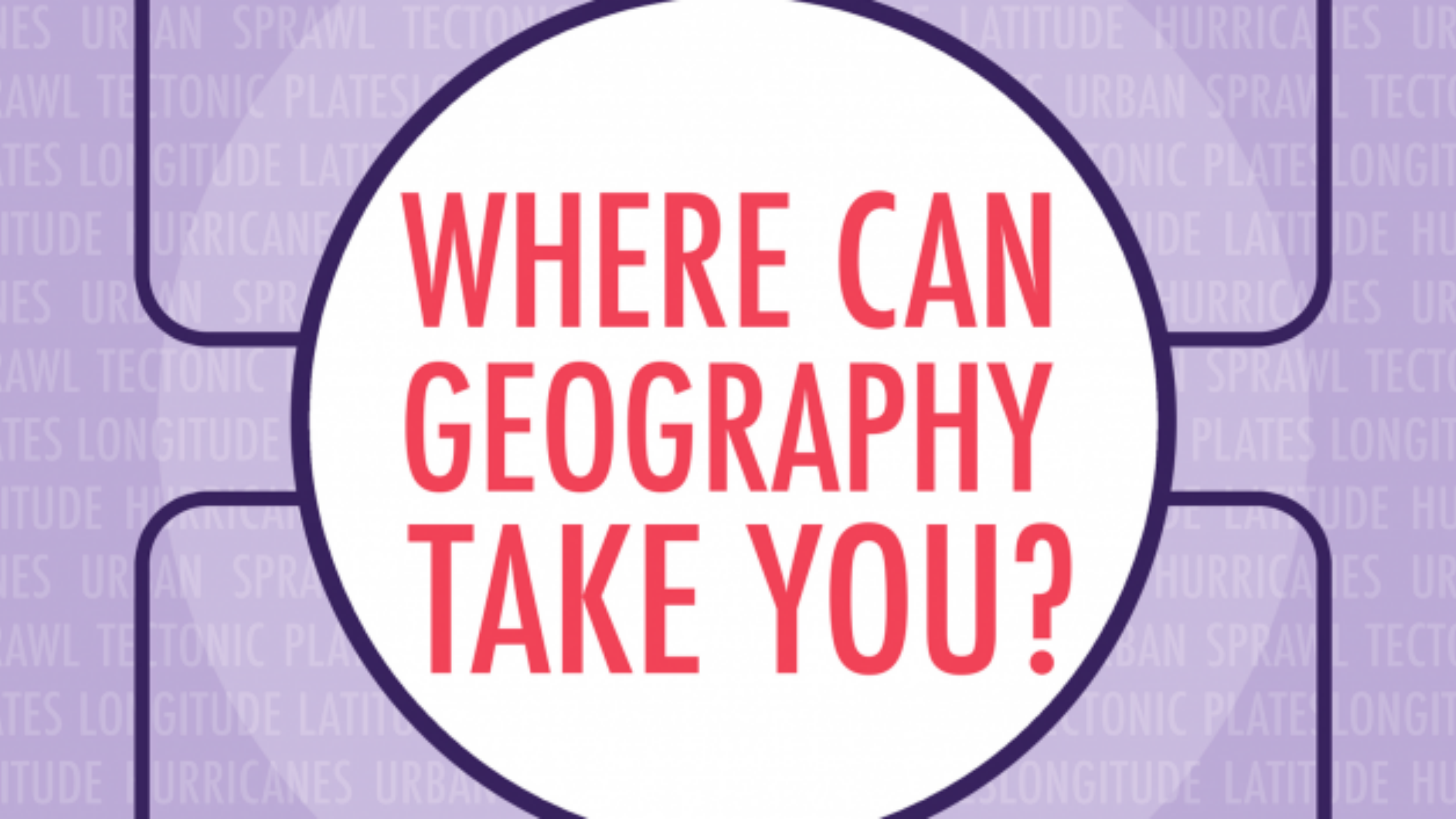
Why choose Geography – conceptions

- + Leaving Cert Geography is the second most popular optional Leaving Cert subject in Ireland.
- + Approximately, 27,000 students take LC Geography every year.
- + 80% take it at higher level.



College

- + For both Science and Pharmacy at TCD, Geography is accepted as a science subject for entry requirements.
- + Geography students are more likely to complete their degree, have the 3rd lowest drop out of all subjects and have some of the highest National Student statistics.
- + Five years after graduation, Geography graduates have an above average likelihood of gaining employment.



**WHERE CAN
GEOGRAPHY
TAKE YOU?**

Career Possibilities

- + Cartography
- + Geographical Information Systems
- + Town Planning
- + Environmental Science
- + Engineering
- + Travel/Tourism
- + Meteorology/Weather Forecast
- + Global/Development work
- + Engineering
- + Teacher
- + Journalism

Geographers can

Research and write concise reports

Ask questions and find the answers

Make informed decisions about complex issues

Carry out fieldwork tasks in the real world

Solve problems

Use maps with confidence

Geographers are

Confident communicators

Critical thinkers

Socially and environmentally aware

Problem solvers

Effective team players

Independent and flexible thinkers

General Information



Remember that the Leaving Certificate requires a great amount of hard work over two years. It is much easier to work hard if you have chosen, in so far as is possible, subjects which you like.



The Leaving Certificate also requires a sense of purpose. It is easier to be motivated if you have a clear goal in your sight e.g. to be accepted for a particular course, to get a good job, etc.



A good level of education can only improve your chances. To do well in the Leaving Certificate also requires some academic ability. Use what you have to its fullest.

**This Student Failed
Her Assignment
Because Her
Professor Said
"Australia Isn't A
Country"**



A close-up photograph of a red pushpin stuck into a map. The pushpin is the central focus, with its sharp point visible. In the background, several other pushpins in blue and yellow are visible but out of focus. The map itself shows some geographical features like lines and colors, though they are also blurred.

Can you find anything that is not linked to Geography?



The study of geography is about more than just memorizing places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together.

— *Barack Obama* —

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