

Course Summary: March 29, 2026

Geography BSc Honours

- UCAS code: **F800**
- Full time
- 3 years

Equip yourself with the specialist skills needed to address pressing global challenges. Our flexible geography degree is accredited by the Royal Geographical Society.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£25,800**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **ABB**
- IB: **32 points**

UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

Undergraduate Open Day

Start your university journey. Find where you belong. Friday, June 26 (9:00-16:00)
Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

[Book your place now](#)

Course overview

Explore the natural environment and the key challenges we face in moving towards a more sustainable world.

Our teaching is informed by the research of our world-leading academics and spans the breadth of the discipline.

You can tailor your degree to your interests and won't need to decide between human and physical geography to apply.

This enables you to become a specialist in your chosen field or to continue to study a broad range of geographical subjects (both human and physical).

You can select from dozens a large number of Geography modules. These range from Glacial Environments, and Global Environmental Change, to Geopolitics, and Local and Regional Development.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2025-26.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year. This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#)

During Stage 1 we will help you to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to succeed in Stages 2 and 3 of your degree. You'll also be introduced to key geographical research and the global challenges of the 21st century.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Becoming a Geographer	20

Interconnected World	20
Introduction to Physical Geography	20
Mapping a changing world: GIS for Geographers	20
Optional Modules	Credits
Physical Geography Field course: Landforms, processes and field techniques	20
Environment and Society	20
Coasts and Communities: Human Geography Fieldwork	20

In Stage 2 you have the opportunity to tailor your degree to your interests. You'll study modules in advanced research techniques and key methods. Your remaining topics will be optional, giving you the chance to engage with the topics that interest you the most.

Modules

Compulsory modules

If you're following a primarily **Human Geography pathway** you take the following compulsory modules (shown in the optional list below):

[Key Methods for Human Geographers](#) (20 credits)

[Research Design and Planning for Human Geographers](#) (20 credits)

If you're following a primarily **Physical Geography pathway** you take the following compulsory modules (shown in the optional list below):

[Research Design and Planning for Physical Geographers](#) (20 credits)

[Key Methods for Physical Geographers](#) (20 credits)

Modules

Optional Modules	Credits
Ireland Field Course	20
Key Methods for Human Geographers	20
Political Geography	20
Economic Geography	20
The creative and knowledge-based economy: Berlin field course	20
UK field course research project	20
Research Design and Planning for Physical Geographers	20
Global Environmental Change	20
Key Methods for Physical Geographers	20
Exploring Everyday Political Geographies in a Divided City: Nicosia Field Course	20
Research Design and Planning for Human Geographers	20
Geohazards and Risk	20
Social and Cultural Geography	20
Urban Geography	20
Urban Sustainability: Barcelona Field Course	20
Glacial Environments	20
River Catchment Dynamics	20
City of Crisis, City of Hope: Amsterdam field course	20
Humans vs Nature in the Netherlands (Netherlands Field course)	20

War and Memory: Bosnia and Herzegovina Field Course	20
Between Two Unions: Ireland Human Geography Field Course	20
Career Development for second year students	20

In Stage 3 you will have a wide choice of optional modules that are directly linked to the research work of our staff.

You will also undertake your dissertation research project: There is a major piece of independent research, based on your interests, led by you with support from a dedicated academic mentor.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Dissertation	40
Optional Modules	Credits
Geopolitics	20
Local and Regional Development	20
Student Exchange Semester 1	40
Polar Environments	20
Mountain Environments	20
Past and Present Climates	20
Geographies of Race and Nation	20
Migration, Bordering and Solidarities	20
Humanitarianism and Health Inequalities	20
The Politics of Difference and Identity	20
Rivers and Deltas	20

Geographies of Global South Cities	20
Geographies of Housing	20
Career Development for final year students	20

Field course module information

You must take one of the field course modules listed above.

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

Our geography courses involve a high level of staff student interaction, including:

- tutorials
- lectures
- laboratory work
- IT lab sessions
- seminars
- fieldwork

Your modules also require a considerable amount of independent study.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Coursework
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reflective report/journal

- Reports
- Seminar tasks/exercises

Skills and experience

Field trips

Fieldwork is an invaluable part of this degree programme. Day trips in and around our region bring to life topics like industrial change and the conservation of rivers, wetlands and coastal areas undergoing climate change.

You'll get to explore further afield in Stage 2 on our residential field trips. The destinations we visit change from year-to-year. Recent Physical Geography trips have visited Iceland, Ireland and the Netherlands. Human Geography trips have been to Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen and Bosnia.

Between Stages 2 and 3 you will have the option to complete fieldwork in physical or human geography as a part of your Dissertation. You'll have the opportunity to apply for Expedition funding to enable you to conduct ambitious dissertation research anywhere in the world.

[Find out more about geography fieldwork at Newcastle](#)

Research skills

You'll be part of a vibrant research community. Fieldwork through your degree will help you grow as a researcher and cultivate your own research techniques.

Your final year dissertation enables you to refine the research skills you've developed throughout your degree.

Opportunities

Work placement

Get career ready with a work placement and leave as a confident professional in your field. You can apply to spend 9 to 12 months working in any organisation in the world, and receive University support from our dedicated team to secure your dream placement. Work placements take place between stages 2 and 3.

You'll gain first-hand experience of working in the sector, putting your learning into practice and developing your professional expertise.

If you choose to take a work placement, it will extend your degree by a year, and your degree title will show you have achieved the placement year. A work placement is not available if you're spending a year studying abroad. Placements are subject to availability.

[Find out more about work placements](#)

Study abroad

Experience life in another country by choosing to study abroad as part of your degree. You'll be encouraged to embrace fun and challenging experiences, make connections with new communities and graduate as a globally aware professional, ready for your future.

You may choose to spend a whole year between Stages 2 and 3 or semester 1 of Stage 3 on an international exchange at a partner institution.

[Find out more about study abroad](#)

Facilities and environment

Facilities

As a geography student at Newcastle, you'll be based in the [School of Geography, Politics and Sociology](#).

You'll have access to modern laboratories and workshops, and a range of facilities and specialist equipment that are part of the entirely refurbished and newly resourced home of Geography at Newcastle, the Henry Daysh Building and Geoscience Laboratories.

Field equipment

Field equipment includes a range of technologies for:

- topographic survey
- soil and sediment sampling
- biological and chemical analysis
- hydrological analysis

Our laboratories

- biology laboratory
- chemistry laboratory
- geomorphology and sediment laboratories

Support

You'll have the support of an academic member of staff as a personal tutor throughout your degree to help with academic and personal issues.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have, when starting university.

You'll also benefit from our:

- extended induction programme, to help you quickly settle in to our lively community of staff and students
- activities and events run by our highly active student-run society, GeogSoc

Your future

Join a network of successful graduates

Recent graduates have secured roles such as:

- engineer
- flood risk modeller

- auditor
- trainee stock exchange broker

[Read what our graduates have to say about studying Geography at Newcastle University](#)

Graduates in demand

Our graduates' excellent employment record is a sign of the flexibility and professionalism that our geography degrees develop.

You will leave with sought-after skills - including teamwork, project management, research and presentation skills - making you employable in a wide variety of fields.

Our graduates have been recruited by a variety of organisations, including:

- the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
- the Environment Agency
- independent and major scientific consultancies
- Raleigh International
- the Armed Forces
- the NHS
- local government
- financial services firms

Make a difference

Follow in their footsteps

- Name: Joseph
- Nationality: British
- Now working as: Policy Officer, European Polar Board (EPB), The Hague, The Netherlands.

"Newcastle is a fabulous city – I still love visiting it when I can. I found it had everything you needed but was cheaper than London and smaller – which made life a lot easier!"

Find out what Joseph liked the most about studying Geography at Newcastle University and how this degree helped him in his career.

Careers support

We value your employability highly and have our own Geography Employability Co-ordinator. In your final year you can select an optional work experience module.

Our teaching draws on insights from a range of employers, including governmental bodies, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and charities.

Our Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

Find out more...

- Go online for information about our full range of degrees:
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at
<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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