
SUBJECT:

GEOGRAPHY

STATUS: Authority Subject

CODE: GEO

COST: TBA

COURSE OVERVIEW:

Senior Geography leads to a vast number of career opportunities and is a valuable medium for the education of young people. The content, cognitive processes and skills taught in Geography are central to our understanding of the dynamic processes continually shaping our world, globally, nationally, regionally and locally. The values promoted in Geography are critical to making decisions that mutually benefit the world, its peoples' needs and our dynamic environment.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Learning in Geography takes place in a variety of settings, including the classroom, computer labs, school environments, the local community as well as a variety of physical and social environments in the field. Fieldwork enables students to develop skills in the field and make connections between "the real world" and the classroom.

In each semester, studies will involve global, regional and local issues.

Semester 1: Managing the Natural Environment.

This theme focusses on the relationship of people with the natural environment with a consideration of the responsibilities of people in managing their impact on the environment and the impact of the environment on them.

Semester 2: People and Development. T

his theme focusses on issues related to variations in living conditions here and around the world and the factors that underlie the differences.

Semester 3: Resource and the Environment.

This theme focusses on issues related to human use of an reliance on the environment. It has a different emphasis from Semester 1.

Semester 4: Social Environments.

This theme examines the sustainability of urban and rural environments (from farm to mega-city) and examines the human profile and structure of settlements.

ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES:

In each semester, students must complete a minimum of three formal assessment items from the following:

- Short response test
- Practical excercises
- Stimulus-response essay
- Field work report
- Research assignment or oral presentation

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

NOTE: Students undertaking this course are required to attend a four day field trip in each year of study for the duration of the course. These field studies/camps incur costs estimated \$150.00 - \$300.00. Additional short field studies may be n egotiated throughout the 2 year course and may incur extra cost.

In 2010, Senior Geography does not require students to have completed the Humanities course in Year 10, though it is an advantage if students have studied Geography in some capacity before.

