Geography

Course length: Full year
Credit value: 20 credits

Advice to students
No background knowledge is required. Students who want to know about the issues facing the world today and with an interest in investigating and developing solutions for the Earth’s environment and its people will find this course rewarding and of great interest.

Course overview

Part A: The transforming world
Through the study of environmental change, students investigate the impact of human activity on land cover and the climate.

Theme 1: Environmental change
Topic 1: Ecosystems and people
Topic 2: Climate change
Students develop their understanding of population issues and economic change through the study of population trends at global, national and local levels, the impact of globalisation, and patterns of inequality around the world.

Theme 2: Social and economic change
Topic 3: Population change
Topic 4: Globalisation
Topic 5: Transforming global inequality
All topics are studied.

Topic 1 and Topic 3 are the focus of Part B of the external examination.

Part B: Individual fieldwork
Students undertake independent fieldwork on a local topic or issue of personal interest.

Assessment

School-based assessment
- 4 geographical skills and applications 40%
- Fieldwork report 30%

External assessment
- Examination (2 hours) 30%

Pathways
Geography provides a range of transferable skills that are useful for numerous degree and diploma courses at university and TAFE, and employment in a wide range of vocational pathways.