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Why 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."

Barrack Obama





Examination



At SFA we follow the AQA examination board. The course is broken into 3 sections;

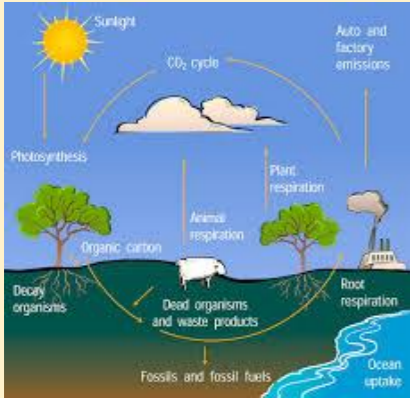
Component 1: Physical Geography – 40%

Component 2: Human Geography - 40%

Component 3: Geographical Investigation - 20%



Component 1 - Physical



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Section A: Water and carbon cycles. – taught in the second year.

Section B: Coastal systems and landscapes – taught in the first year

Section C: Hazards – taught in the first year





Component 2- Human



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Section A: Global systems and governance – taught in the second year

Section B: Changing Places – taught in the first year

Section C: Contemporary urban environments – taught in the second year





Component 3- NEA



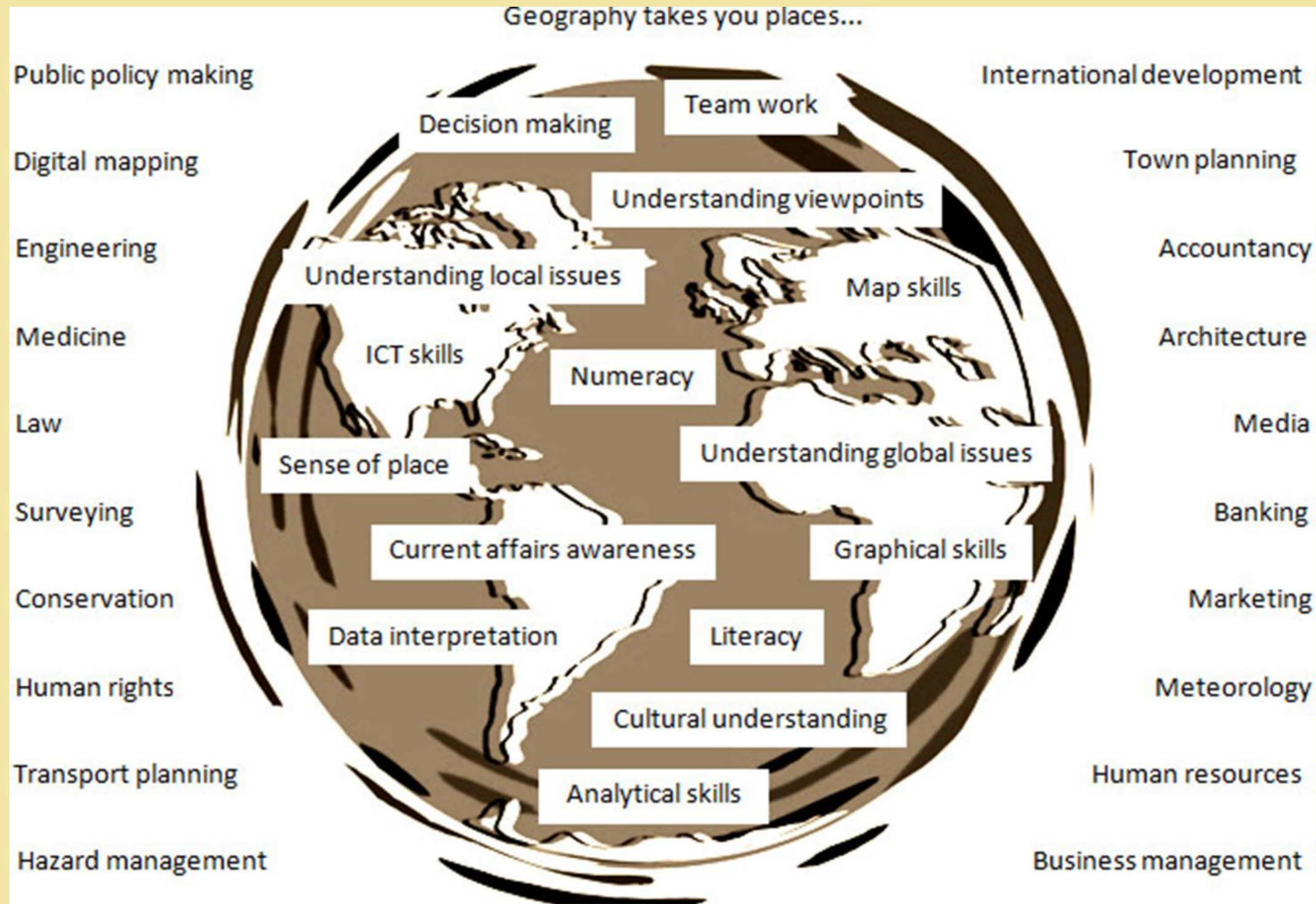
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3000-4000 word individual investigation based upon data collected in the field.





Where can A level Geography take you?





Specific courses



- Human or Physical Geography
- Earth Sciences
- Environmental Science
- Ecology
- Tourism management
- Anthropology
- Business management
- Landscape and architecture
- Government and NGO studies



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Geography is highly valued by universities as an A Level choice. The Russell Group named geography as one of the eight facilitating subjects. The Guardian has also identified geography as the 'must-have A Level'.

Even if you are working towards a course in medicine or veterinary medicine then geography is a good choice to give you the breadth that universities seek, as you will gain a clear understanding of how the environment affects health and survival of people, animals and ecosystems as well as enhancing your skills of writing essays and extended reports.



Overall



- In studying geography, you will investigate the links between people and their environment on both local and international scales and connect diverse issues in politics, economics and science to the landscape to give an understanding of how places are shaped.
- This will well equip you for a range of University courses and then a huge of employment opportunities. Anything from teaching to finance, environmental town planning to using GIS to improve crop yield.



Any questions?

