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Introducing Advanced Higher Geography

Advanced Higher is SQA's highest level of National Course. It is very demanding. Advanced Higher extends students' knowledge and skills beyond Higher. Students will face new academic and personal challenges, requiring them to develop their knowledge and abilities, and to think and work independently.

ADVANCED HIGHER GEOGRAPHY

The main aims of the Course are to develop the skills of: map interpretation; geographical research and analysis, including fieldwork; presentation of geographical information; and critical evaluation.

The Course provides the opportunity for significant independent work by candidates and provides a sound training for further or higher education. It allows candidates to concentrate their studies on geographical topics of specific interest to them. The Course consists of three 40-hour Units:

Geographical Methods and Techniques focuses on map interpretation, research techniques, statistical analysis of geographical data and the presentation of geographical information.

In **Geographical Study**, candidates are encouraged to choose a topic for study from the local area. They will research, analyse and present information about this in a report.

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The **Geographical Issues** Unit requires candidates to research and comment on various viewpoints expressed about current geographical/environmental issues and, for one specific issue of their choice, write an essay evaluating these viewpoints.

To pass the Units candidates must:

- Unit 1: retain 5 pieces of successfully completed coursework demonstrating their ability in the use of geographical methods and techniques
- Unit 2: produce a brief report about the research carried out in one part of their Geographical Study topic
- Unit 3: write a critical evaluation of viewpoints expressed about a given geographical issue

Course Assessment is by question paper and a folio of two major pieces of coursework.

FURTHER INFORMATION

You can find the detailed Course Arrangements on the Geography page of SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk). A specimen examination paper is also available here, together with other information and guidance.

Copies of past examination papers (for the last two years) can be purchased from SQA's Customer Contact Centre – tel 0845 279 1000. The Contact Centre can also send you our free leaflet **Introducing Advanced Higher** (publication code BD2803).