

Syllabus outline

Syllabus component	Teaching hours	
	SL	HL
Geographic skills—integrated throughout the course		
<p>Part 1: Core theme—patterns and change (SL/HL) There are four compulsory topics in this core theme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Populations in transition 2. Disparities in wealth and development 3. Patterns in environmental quality and sustainability 4. Patterns in resource consumption 	70	70
<p>Part 2: Optional themes (SL/HL) There are seven optional themes; each requires 30 teaching hours.</p> <p>Two optional themes are required at SL.</p> <p>Three optional themes are required at HL.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Freshwater—issues and conflicts B. Oceans and their coastal margins C. Extreme environments D. Hazards and disasters—risk assessment and response E. Leisure, sport and tourism F. The geography of food and health G. Urban environments 	60	90
<p>Part 3: HL extension—global interactions (HL only) There are seven compulsory topics in the HL extension.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measuring global interactions 2. Changing space—the shrinking world 3. Economic interactions and flows 4. Environmental change 5. Sociocultural exchanges 6. Political outcomes 7. Global interactions at the local level 		60
<p>Fieldwork (SL/HL) Fieldwork, leading to one written report based on a fieldwork question, information collection and analysis with evaluation.</p>	20	20
Total teaching hours	150	240