

OTUMOETAI COLLEGE
NCEA GEOGRAPHY LEVEL 3 – (L3GEOG) 2018

GEOGRAPHY – L3GEOG					
<i>Course Relationship to the National Vocational Pathways</i>					
Construction & Infrastructure	Manufacturing & Technology	Primary Industries	Services Industries	Social & Community Services	Creative Industries
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Course Entry	Entry is subject to having gained 14 credits in Geography at Level 2. If Geography has not been studied previously, entry may be offered through the equivalent from another Social Science at Level 2 (or English) at the discretion of the HOD.				
Course Overview	This course provides students with an advanced understanding of Human and Physical Geography. Students will develop geographic skills including critical thinking, cartographic skills and argument construction. Contexts covered include natural processes in the Tauranga Coastal Environment, the impact of tourism for places and environmental planning.				
Assessment	This course will be assessed to Level 3 Achievement Standards. Assessment is a combination of both internally and externally assessed standards. Students will have the opportunity to gain up to 23 Level 3 credits.				
Cost for Trips	Field trip to Mount Maunganui Beach: 1 day				\$5.00
	Field trip to Rotorua: 1 day				\$70.00

AIMS

The aim of Geography is to help students develop an understanding of the environment as the home of people. It seeks to interpret the world and how it changes over time – past, present, and future. It explores the relationships and connections between people and both natural and cultural environments. Geography investigates the ways in which features are arranged on the earth’s surface. It describes and explains the patterns and processes that create them. The world is a fascinating place. Learn to appreciate it. Learn to understand it. Learn Geography!!

DESCRIPTION

In Geography this year students will work towards gaining Level Three credits for the National Certificate of Educational Achievement.

The work students do throughout the year will be assessed in two different ways:

- Internal assessment – assignments and activities carried out throughout the year
- External assessment – a set of NCEA exams sat at the end of the year

The Year 13 Geography programme is assessed against **five** Achievement Standards. Each has a credit weighting. When you gain credit for an Achievement Standard the credits contribute towards your NCEA. You can also gain different grades for each Achievement Standard: **Credit, Merit or Excellence**. The grade you achieve is determined by the quality of your work as measured against national standards. **19 credits** are available in this course.

Outlined below are the Level Three Geography Achievement Standards, the credit weighting of each and how they are assessed.

Number	Title	Credits	Assessment Mode
AS 91426	Demonstrate understanding of how interacting natural processes shape a NZ geographic environment	4	External
AS 91427	Demonstrate understanding of how a cultural process shapes geographic environment(s)	4	External
AS 91428	Analyse a significant contemporary event from a geographic perspective	3	Internal
AS 91430	Conduct geographic research with consultation	5	Internal
AS 91432	Analyse aspects of a geographic topic at a global scale	3	Internal

ASSESSMENT POLICIES

1. ASSESSMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students are expected to complete assessment activities on or before the date they are due. NZQA Rules and Procedures do not require that the school accept late work. For assessment tasks in Geography, students will be given **ONE** opportunity to be assessed against an Achievement Standard.

Students who fail to achieve an internally assessed standard may be given an opportunity to resubmit their work. A resubmission opportunity may only be offered where a teacher judges that a mistake has been made by the student, which the student should be capable of discovering and correcting themselves.

2. COMPASSIONATE CONSIDERATION

Compassionate consideration will only apply to external assessments and will depend on evidence available from other work related to the same learning outcomes.

3. WORK DEADLINES AND LATENESS

All work must be handed in before the end of the school day on the date set. Work **must be personally delivered** to the teacher concerned. Work is not to be placed in teacher's pigeonhole or left on the teacher's desk.

All internal assessments must be completed by the due day, unless prior approval has been obtained from the Geography teacher. Assessment tasks handed in late, without prior approval, will not be accepted for marking. Students who fail to submit work for assessment will be recorded as "not submitted" and can expect to receive a "Not Achieved" for that standard.

Students entered in a Social Science course are entered in all standards being assessed as part of that course, unless they negotiate to be removed from particular standards. Students will need written parental permission to be removed from any standard.

4. APPEALS

Appeals against grades awarded should be made following the procedure outlined in the school policy on appeals. Students wishing to appeal a grade must do so within 48 hours of receiving notification of their assessed grade.

5. STORAGE OF STUDENT WORK

The Social Science department will retain student assessment material until such time as it is no longer required for moderation purposes.

6. AUTHENTICITY

Except where specified for some group tasks, all work is to be your own work. Assessment tasks will require a signed statement of authentication from students.

7. MARKING & MODERATION

Students' work will be marked by their subject teacher following NCEA assessment schedules. For marking consistency, some assessment tasks may be marked by the same teacher for all classes, or two or more teachers may be each given a different section of the assessment to mark for all students. Moderation will take place at the beginning and end of marking to ensure consistency between classes.

8. RESOURCES & TEXTS

Texts will be loaned to students but remain the property of the Social Science Department. Lost materials will be replaced by the student responsible at his/her own cost.

9. FIELD WORK

Fieldwork is an integral part of the Geography Course. Students are informed of costs close to the time of the trip once they have been finalised. Every effort will be made to keep these to a minimum.

...AND FINALLY

The staff of the Geography Department are here to help you enjoy and make the most of your learning opportunities.

If in doubt, please ask! Have a good Year!