

Course Description

The Preliminary course investigates biophysical and human geography and develops students' knowledge and understanding about the spatial and ecological dimensions of geography. Enquiry methodologies are used to investigate the unique characteristics of our world through fieldwork, geographical skills and the study of contemporary geographical issues.

The HSC course enables students to appreciate geographical perspectives about the contemporary world. There are specific studies about biophysical and human processes, interactions and trends. Fieldwork and a variety of case studies combine with an assessment of the geographers' contribution to understanding our environment and demonstrates the relevance of geographical study.

Main Topics Covered

Preliminary Course

Biophysical Interactions – how biophysical processes contribute to sustainable management.

Global Challenges – geographical study of issues at a global scale.

Senior Geography Project – a geographical study of student's own choosing.

HSC Course

Ecosystems at Risk – the functioning of ecosystems, their management and protection.

Urban Places – study of cities and urban dynamics.

People and Economic Activity – geographic study of economic activity in a local and global context.

Key concepts incorporated across all topics: change, environment, sustainability, spatial and ecological dimensions, interaction, technology, management and cultural integration.

Particular Course Requirements

Students complete a senior geography project (SGP) in the Preliminary course and should undertake 12 hours of fieldwork in both the Preliminary and HSC courses.

Faculty: HSIE

BOS Course No: 15190

2 units for each of Preliminary and HSC Board Developed Course.

Exclusions: Nil

