



# GEOGRAPHY (Upper Secondary IP)

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## INTRODUCTION

- The IP Geography syllabus is designed as a two-year course. It is broad-based and will prepare students for the IB Diploma Programme.
- Critical geographical, analytical and interpretation skills will be infused into the entire syllabus.

## AIMS OF GEOGRAPHY

- Acquire knowledge of the characteristics, distribution and processes of physical and human phenomena
- Develop an understanding of the processes affecting the physical and human environments
- Provide an understanding of the dynamic and changing outcomes resulting from physical-human interactions at local, regional and global scales
- Develop skills in acquiring, communicating, applying and evaluating geographical knowledge
- Develop an appreciation of the dynamic nature of geography over time and space
- Gain geographical insights and global awareness into future challenges through the study of current issues and their management
- Make informed judgements and sound decisions through the analysis, synthesis and evaluation of geographical information

## VALUES

Through their geographical training, students should develop:

- A sense of appreciation and responsibility for the quality of the environment and the desirability of sustainable development at local, regional and global scales
- Respect and sensitivity towards the attitudes, values and beliefs of people in different human environments
- An ability to analyse, evaluate and make judgements on perspectives, values and

attitudes in the use and management of resources

- Personal perspectives, values and attitudes in relation to geographical issues
- An awareness of the vulnerabilities, constraints and challenges faced by the local, regional and global communities

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Y3 IP: Foundations Of Physical and Human Geography

#### 1. Climate

- Weather & Climate
- Climate Change

#### 2. Geography in Everyday Life (GIEL)

- Sense of place
- Sustainability

#### 3. Tectonics

- Landforms associated with tectonic phenomena
- Preparing and responding to earthquakes

### Y4 IP: Foundations of Human Geography

#### 1. Urban Processes

- Urban growth and its impact
- Managing urban challenges

#### 2. Global Tourism

- Tourism and its impact
- Sustainable tourism strategies

#### 3. Singapore

- Small Island City-State
- Opportunities and Challenges
- Sustainable and Resilient Singapore

## Y3 & Y4 ASSESSMENT

- Term 2: Common Test (15%)
- Term 3: Coursework (15%)
- Term 4: Final Exam (70%)

The exam paper is 1 hour 30 minutes.

It consists of structured questions (32 marks) and open-ended questions (18 marks).