



UNIVERSITY OF
LIVERPOOL

BSc (Hons)

Geography BSc (Hons) (4 year route including a foundation year at Carmel College)

UCAS code F808

Study mode

Full-time

Duration

4 years

Apply by: **29 January 2025**

Starts on: **22 September 2025**

About this course

Interested in studying a Geography BSc (Hons) degree, but feel that you lack the appropriate science background or have a non-standard academic background? Our foundation year programme has been designed for you.

Introduction

Your foundation year (year zero) is spent at Carmel College, after which your studies will transfer to the main University campus. Carmel College is located in St Helens, about nine miles from the main University campus. The College offers small class sizes and high standards of academic achievement.

During your foundation year you will gain a solid grounding in a range of science subjects including geography and mathematics and will have a choice of chemistry, physics, information technology, or biology modules.

On completing the foundation year, you will choose modules from the Geography BSc (Hons) programme and be based at the main University campus.

For further information on studying a year zero programme at Carmel College, please see [the Carmel College website](#).

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Find information about what essential and optional modules you will need to take during your Year Zero at Carmel College to progress to your chosen University of Liverpool degree programme in our [guide to progression routes](#)

What you'll learn

- Skills needed for independent study at undergraduate degree level
 - A variety of learning methods and assessment tasks
 - Valuable theoretical knowledge
 - Shape your degree with flexible programmes and choice of modules from year one
 - Fieldwork opportunities from year one
 - Socio-cultural, political, and physical landscape evident within the city region
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Accreditation

The Geography BSc (Hons) programme is accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

Accreditation in detail

Royal Geographical Society

The Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) is the UK's learned society and professional body for geography.

Routes

- [Environmental Science](#) BSc (Hons)
- [Environment and Planning](#) BA (Hons)
- [Geography](#) BSc (Hons)
- [Geography](#) BA (Hons)
- [Geography and Oceanography](#) BSc (Hons)
- [Geography and Planning](#) BA (Hons)
- [Geology with Physical Geography](#) BSc (Hons)
- [Urban Planning](#) BA (Hons)

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Course content

Discover what you'll learn, what you'll study, and how you'll be taught and assessed.

Year zero

Your first year (year zero) is based at Carmel College, St Helens, about nine miles from the main University campus. The programme, which is moderated by University staff, comprises introductory modules in geography, mathematics and one module chosen from chemistry, physics, information technology, and biology.

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

Teaching and assessment

How you'll learn

To help you meet the intellectual and practical challenges of studying Geography, our programmes are taught using a student centred approach, involving a range of learning experiences. These include:

- Small tutor groups (typically eight students) through all years
- High levels of field-based learning within the UK and abroad
- An emphasis on active, problem-based learning ('learning by doing')
- Hands-on experience of cutting-edge laboratory technologies in physical geography
- Innovative GIS, statistical and qualitative research methodologies and community consultation in human geography
- Supervised independent and group project work, including (for Single Honours degrees) a final year independent research-based dissertation supervised by a dedicated expert in the field.

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How you're assessed

Assessments are designed around developing skills and styles of communication that will be relevant to future employers. So, in addition to exams and essays, you will also undertake assessments that include computer-based exercises, oral presentations, policy briefs, field projects, and research reports. Single honours Geography students complete a compulsory 10,000-word dissertation in their final year on a topic of their choice. This is your opportunity to develop skills as an independent academic researcher, supported on a one-to-one basis by an expert in the field.

Liverpool Hallmarks

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.

The Liverpool Curriculum framework sets out our distinctive approach to education. Our teaching staff support our students to develop academic knowledge, skills, and understanding alongside our **graduate attributes**:

- Digital fluency
- Confidence
- Global citizenship

Our curriculum is characterised by the three **Liverpool Hallmarks**:

- Research-connected teaching
- Active learning
- Authentic assessment

All this is underpinned by our core value of **inclusivity** and commitment to providing a curriculum that is accessible to all students.

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Careers and employability

Geography is a subject that bridges the social and physical sciences. Those studying geography develop transferable knowledge and skills which open up a wide range of career opportunities.

By the time you graduate you will have developed core research skills in human geography, including surveying, interviewing and innovative community liaison techniques stand students in good stead for a range of employment destinations.

You can explore the following work experience opportunities:

- Internships during the course of their degree.
- Work-based dissertation – which combines the final year independent research project with a placement in industry.

Students can also continue their studies at postgraduate level and PhD study with opportunities to apply for funding from a range of organisations, including the ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) and NERC (Natural Environment Research Council).

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Fees and funding

Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

Tuition fees

UK fees (applies to Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Republic of Ireland)

Full-time place, per year - £9,535

Foundation year fee - £7,500

Year in industry fee - £1,905

Year abroad fee - £1,430 (applies to year in China)

Following the foundation years, standard course fees apply.

The tuition fees shown are correct for 2025/26 entry. Please note that the year abroad fee also applies to the year in China.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. [Learn more about paying for your studies.](#)

Additional costs

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. For Geography students, the cost of compulsory field classes and laboratory work is included, but additional costs such as a laptop, books, or equipment should be considered. Optional field classes in year three will incur additional costs ranging from approximately £800-£1300 depending on location.

Find out more about the [additional study costs](#) that may apply to this course.

Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

A levels

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our contextual offers scheme. Based on your personal circumstances, you may automatically qualify for up to a two-grade reduction in the entry requirements needed for this course. When you apply, we consider a range of factors – such as where you live – to assess if you're eligible for a grade reduction. You don't have to make an application for a grade reduction – we'll do all the work.

Find out more about [how we make reduced grade offers](#).

T levels

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Applicants should contact us by [completing the enquiry form on our website](#) to discuss specific requirements in the core components and the occupational specialism.

GCSE

All applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language, Mathematics and two Sciences (any two of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, or Core and Additional Science/Dual Science acceptable). Applicants over 21 can be considered on GCSEs alone.

International qualifications

[Select your country or region to view specific entry requirements.](#)

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](#), can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

Alternative entry requirements

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, [contact us](#) for advice
- [Applications from mature students](#) are welcome.

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