



Swansea University
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FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

YEAR 2 (FHEQ LEVEL 5)

**BSC PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES**

**SUBJECT SPECIFIC
PART TWO OF TWO
MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE
2025-26**

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IMPORTANT

Term Dates

The 25-26 academic year begins on 29 September 2025

Full term dates can be found [here](#)

Academic Integrity

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The difference between compulsory and core modules

Compulsory modules must be **pursued** by a student.

Core modules must not only be **pursued**, but also **passed** before a student can proceed to the next level of study or qualify for an award. Failures in core modules must be redeemed.

Further information can be found under “Modular Terminology” on the following link - <https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/taught-guidance/essential-info-taught-students/your-programme-explained/>

Key Programme Staff

Geography Programme Director	Geography Year 1 Coordinator
Dr Emilia Urbanek	Dr Jo Maddern

Year 2 (FHEQ Level 5) 2025/26
Physical Geography
 BSc Physical Geography[F840]
 BSc Physical Geography with a Year Abroad[F932]

Compulsory Modules

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
	<u>GEG252</u> Geographical Fieldwork skills 20 Credits Dr NJ Felstead
Total 120 Credits	

Optional Modules

Choose exactly 20 credits

<u>GEG276</u>	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	Dr CJT Ladd	TB1	20
<u>GEG276C</u>	Systemau Gwybodaeth Ddaeryddol	Dr CJT Ladd	TB1	20

And

Choose exactly 20 credits

<u>GEG277P</u>	Methods and Data Analysis (Physical Geography and Environmental Sciences)	Dr KJ Ficken/Dr SL Cairns/Prof SH Doerr/..	TB1+2	20
<u>GEG277PC</u>	Dulliau a Dulliau Daearyddol - Corfforol	Dr KJ Ficken/Dr SL Cairns/Prof SH Doerr/..	TB1+2	20

And

Choose exactly 20 credits

<u>GEG278</u>	Dissertation Preparation Skills	Dr NJ Felstead/Dr SL Cairns/Prof SH Doerr/..	TB1+2	20
<u>GEG278C</u>	Sgiliau Dadansoddi Data aPharatoi Traethawd Hir	Dr EM Roberts/Dr RH Meara	TB1+2	20

And

Choose exactly 40 credits

GEL204 - there is a prerequisite of taking GEL121 in Year 1 and there is a cap of 40 students.

Priority is given to Environmental Geoscience students, then Physical Geography, before being open to other schemes.

<u>GE-200</u>	Professional Development and Career Planning	Mrs S Gill	TB1	0
<u>GEG236</u>	Earth from Space: Monitoring Global Environmental Change	Prof PRJ North	TB1	10
<u>GEG283</u>	Sustainable Land Management	Dr E Urbanek/Dr SL Cairns	TB2	10
<u>GEG284</u>	Coasts	Dr CJT Ladd	TB1	10
<u>GEL203</u>	Earth history	Dr NJ Felstead	TB1	10
<u>GEL204</u>	Geological Record of Past Environments	Dr KJ Preece/Dr KJ Ficken	TB2	10

And

Choose a maximum of 20 credits

Field Trip Destination Options -

The field trip destination options are listed below. You will have the opportunity to apply for your preferred destination after enrolment.

Important:

This section is for administrative use only.
 Do not select any modules from this section.
 If you do, your selection will be automatically removed.

<u>GEG252ICE</u>	Geographical Fieldwork skills : Iceland	Dr RH Meara/Dr EM Roberts	TB2	20
<u>GEG252SI</u>	Geographical Fieldwork Skills: Isles of Scilly	Prof SM Davies/Dr CJT Ladd/Dr E Urbanek/..	TB2	20
<u>GEG252V</u>	Geographical Fieldwork skills: Vancouver	Dr KG Rees/Dr KJ Ficken/Dr RG Smith/..	TB2	20

Year 2 (FHEQ Level 5) 2025/26
Physical Geography
 BSc Physical Geography with a Year in Industry[F931]

Compulsory Modules

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GE-200 Professional Development and Career Planning 0 Credits Mrs S Gill	GEG252 Geographical Fieldwork skills 20 Credits Dr NJ Felstead
Total 120 Credits	

Optional Modules

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GEG276C	Systemau Gwybodaeth Ddaeryddol	Dr CJT Ladd	TB1	20

And

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GEG277P	Methods and Data Analysis (Physical Geography and Environmental Sciences)	Dr KJ Ficken/Dr SL Cairns/Prof SH Doerr/..	TB1+2	20
GEG277PC	Dulliau a Dulliau Daearyddol - Corfforol	Dr KJ Ficken/Dr SL Cairns/Prof SH Doerr/..	TB1+2	20

And

Choose exactly 20 credits

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