

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: GEOGRAPHY INDEPENDENT STUDY (V.2)  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6009GEOG** (114520)  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 24.00      **Total Delivered Hours:** 8.00  
**Total Learning Hours:** 240      **Private Study:** 232

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Tutorial	8.000

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Presentation	AS2	Proposal Presentation	10.0	
Report	AS1	10,000 word coursework to be determined on an individual basis	90.0	

### Aims

- 1. To develop the ability of students to undertake independent work on a topic or topics not otherwise available in the programme.*
- 2. To provide a vehicle for the improvement and development of a wide variety of skills and abilities appropriate to the task in hand, from identification of appropriate topic/s through to the development of a study and assessment programme tailored to the needs of the student.*

3. To complement other modules via the opportunity to apply theories, methodologies or techniques to a substantive topic of great interest to the student her/himself.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 To negotiate a plan of study for an agreed programme of learning. (Aim 1)
- 2 Further develop effective communication skills through presentation of learning agreement. (Aim 1)
- 3 Work independently on a topic of interest not covered elsewhere in the programme. (Aim 1/Aim 2)
- 4 Develop study skills and abilities appropriate to the task in hand. (Aim 2)
- 5 To deepen understanding of the relationship between the topic under investigation and the appropriate assessment. (Aim 2)

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Presentation	1	2		
Report	3	4	5	

## Outline Syllabus

*There is no syllabus as such, due to the Independent Study programme being tailored to the needs and requirements of the individual student. Nonetheless, most Independent Studies involve the development of several substantive pieces of coursework, possibly presented together in a portfolio or submitted sequentially, and increasing in length and depth as the Independent Study progresses. The difference between an Independent Study and a Dissertation is that the former permits the production of related pieces of coursework whereas the latter must be a fully integrated single 'package'.*

*A Learning Agreement will be developed for each student, who will be allocated a tutor who will supervise the work, give feedback and advice and monitor the progress of the study in regular tutorial sessions. Group sessions may also be held.*

## Learning Activities

One to one tutorials with allocated tutor, occasional support classes eg. on web-design.

## References

## **Notes**

Provides the opportunity for the student to undertake independent study of a topic, not otherwise covered in the programme, of great interest to her/himself and to develop a wide range of study skills in the process. Indicative references will be developed on an individual basis.