

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

Essential Skills

The priority standards consist of the following skills:

- **Concept Understanding:** Demonstrate understanding of geographic concepts and processes.
- **Spatial Analysis:** Interpret and analyze maps and mapped data.
- **Data Analysis:** Interpret and analyze quantitative geospatial data.
- **Source Analysis:** Interpret and analyze qualitative geospatial data.
- **Application:** Apply content knowledge and skills in real-world contexts-actual or theoretical.
- **Communication:** Demonstrate effective communication through speaking, writing, and listening.
- **Civic Engagement:** Engage in deliberative, collaborative, and civil dialogue regarding course-relevant and current issues.

Course Content

The priority standards/skills are taught, practiced, developed, and assessed through the course content as outlined below.

Concepts and processes in physical geography

- Maps
- Weather, climate, and biomes
- Plate tectonics, landforms, rivers, and water bodies

Concepts and processes in human geography

- Population distribution and demography
- Movement and migration

Concepts and processes in cultural geography

- Culture
- Language
- Religion

Concepts and processes in political geography

- States and boundaries
- International organizations and agreements
- Current issues in political geography

Concepts and processes in economic and urban geography

- Agriculture
- Industry
- Services and cities
- Development

