

# GEOGRAPHY

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Geography is the study of the earth as the home of humanity - including both its human and physical characteristics. In their quest to understand the earth and its processes, geographers first ask where things are located, but more importantly, they seek to answer why these distributions occur.

Whether you take the World Regional, Physical, Cultural, Digital Mapping, or any of the other Geography classes that we offer at Orange Coast College, your coursework will incorporate the five themes of Geography:

1. Location – Where is it located?
2. Place – What is it like there?
3. Human / Environment Interactions
  - Human adaptations, modifications, dependence on the environment
4. Movement – How did it get there? Where is it going? Why did it move?
  - Diffusion of people, goods, and ideas
5. Regions – Classification of areas that are based on similar characteristics
  - Formal, functional, and vernacular

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