
RURAL GEOGRAPHY PROJECTS

Form

All reports must be computer printed. See the *Guidelines for Writing Geography Essays* (on the course Website) for further details of format.

There is no mandatory length, but something between 2500 and 3500 words is recommended. Anything shorter than 2500 words is likely to be too superficial; anything longer than 3500 runs the risk of prolixity.

The use of maps, diagrams and tables wherever appropriate is strongly encouraged: failure to use them where they would be effective will result in loss of marks.

Content and Organisation

The report must start with a definition of the meaning of the topic – what is being studied and what it is hoped will be found out through this study.

There should be a literature review of similar or parallel work done, and some indication of how this literature relates to the present work. There is no specific numerical requirement for works cited as the availability of material varies considerably from topic to topic. Nonetheless, there would need to be good reason to have fewer than the twelve sources (including two from periodicals) required of Fourth-Year essays. See the *Guidelines for Writing Geography Essays* for a definition of acceptable academic references.

The method used must be explained, with a critical analysis of the advantages and limitations of the method chosen.

Data resulting from the research should be presented in suitable format, and conclusions drawn. Maps, diagrams and tables should be used where relevant.

Findings and conclusions should be related back to the original statement of intent, and to the literature review.

Reports must be handed in ONE WEEK after the oral presentation. Put them in the workbox on the second floor of the Regional Centre – do not hand them to the Instructor.