

Spectrum of fieldwork integration

Think about the fieldwork experiences you currently offer your students. How integrated are they into your curriculum and your goals for teaching and learning? Place each fieldwork experience on the spectrum. What might need to happen to move your experiences up the spectrum?

Highly integrated



Vehicle for delivering content

Fieldwork can be used to deliver fresh content. New concepts can be explained and demonstrated in the field and students can incorporate the real world with geographical theory in one sitting.

Sparking curiosity before a topic

Fieldwork can be used to generate questions and stimulate students' curiosity at the start of a new topic, allowing them to see the issues or features which are then going to be explored in greater detail as the topic develops.

Exemplifying taught content

Key geographical concepts are covered in the classroom in a generic fashion, leaving fieldwork to provide case study or real world exemplification of the ideas. Students may use fieldwork to question the validity of these theories.

Revision at the end of a topic

With the main contexts covered in the classroom, fieldwork can be used to go back over the key ideas and hopefully make them more memorable. Students will be experts prior to the fieldwork experience.

Generating data for skills work

Fieldwork is used as a means to create data sets which may or may not be related to a topic that has been covered. These data sets can then be used to practice data handling skills such as the execution of graphs or statistical tests.

Stand alone assessment

Fieldwork forms the focus of an assessment or is purely undertaken as preparation for an external examination. It stands alone in the curriculum plan and has few links to existing curriculum topics.

A treat at the end of term

The fieldwork is a bonus for students and has no links to a curriculum topic. Its inclusion is more as a placeholder within the timetable than a key learning opportunity meaning there is no consequence if it is missed.



No integration

Your fieldwork experiences