On the basis I’d be going back to university as a mature student, I thought long and hard about which course would be right for me. I weighed up many options, but the MSc. in Marine Environmental Management (MEM) came out on top. So I took the plunge, accepted a place, and left my 9-5 office job behind. Turns out, that was a really good decision.

The MEM course has: dramatically improved my statistical abilities, made me fluent in R and ArcGIS, expanded my knowledge base on all aspects of marine conservation and given me two months of hands-on research with a UK NGO. Incredible! It doesn’t end there though, I am currently working with the Environment Department to ready my Dissertation and Placement Report for publication. Furthermore, thanks to connections from the department, I am getting involved with research at the University of Malta.

I’ll admit, it took a lot of hard work to get to this point. However, the teaching staff are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and always there to help when needed. Also, I did have enough time spare to dedicate 10 hours of training and a match day every week to American Football… so it can’t have been too hard!

If you want to look after the marine environment and are thinking about a masters, then this is the course you are looking for.

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