Marine Environmental Management MSc at the University of York

This Master’s course is ideal for people with some science knowledge who want to learn more about the environmental issues in the marine world. The modules are diverse and allow students to learn new vital skills such as how to use the statistical package R and the mapping software ArcGIS. I was even allowed to take the Environmental Contaminants which was one of the Environmental Science MSc modules as I had a particular interest in this field.

The course is intense but managing a part-time job of ~10 hours per week is possible. The lecturers are always willing to help and reply very quickly to emails. The teaching consists of mainly lectures with some computer sessions, seminars, practical work and field trips. The course also allows the opportunity to travel for a 2 month placement of your choice at the end of the year. This was a fantastic experience and allowed me to develop my field and laboratory skills.

All in all, the course is extremely enjoyable and the University of York is a great university. There are plenty of study rooms and computers available around the university to work in between lectures. The library also has copies of all the books you will need for the course, though most of the literature can be accessed from e-journals on the University of York website. I would definitely recommend this course and the University of York, so if you are passionate about the marine environment and want to learn more about environmental issues within our oceans, then this is the course for you!

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