I could not have chosen a better MSc course than this. I began the Marine Environmental Management Masters having quite specific ideas of what areas of marine research I was interested in pursuing, but did not want to specialise at this point in my career. As such, the MEM course was perfect for me. Having studied marine biology as an undergraduate, I was able to heavily build on my prior knowledge in a wide variety of areas and develop new skills such as learning to use ArcGIS and R. Most importantly for me, there is huge scope to pursue your own interests in the form of various courseworks, the dissertation and summer placement. I was lucky enough to spend my summer in Gabon, working in both a humpback whale breeding ground and in a marine protected area researching the elusive Atlantic humpback dolphin. The skills I gained over the summer heavily contributed to me gaining my first job in the marine consultancy sector.

I also think that an important aspect that really sets this course apart from others in this area is the community feel of the students, staff, and environmental department in general. A real team spirit develops between all students on the course as they struggle with work that is often challenging, but always rewarding. Lecturers and supervisors on the course could not be more friendly and supportive, which really contributes to the tone of the course. These enthusiastic individuals at the forefront of their research are never too busy for a chat, and deliver an MSc course that I believe is second to none. I could not recommend this course enough to anyone with an interest in the marine environment – there is something for everyone!