My time at the University of York pursuing my Masters in Marine Environmental Management was both enjoyable and rewarding. The course material was extensive and informative, and the lecturers were friendly and helpful - providing support and guidance, which contributed to my development in this field. The structure of the program was such that it exposed me to various aspects of Marine Management during the first few months, after which I applied the skills and knowledge that I attained to my dissertation report and external project placement. My dissertation involved analyzing data collected between 1995 to 2002 from a network of four marine reserves in southwest St. Lucia, Caribbean. I used this data to investigate the impacts of projection on biodiversity on a small and large scale. This project allowed me to utilize and expand upon the knowledge and skills that I attained earlier on in the program - including the use of statistics, as well as theory from courses such as Marine Ecology, Fisheries Ecology and Management. This project was challenging but worthwhile as I developed statistical skills and gained in-depth knowledge in this topic. For my external project placement I had the opportunity to work with Halcrow, a multi-disciplinary consultancy providing services for infrastructural development. There I worked as a Marine Assistant to the Principal Environmental Scientist. Over the three month period I prepared a supplementary document to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) investigating the development and implementation of artificial sub-tidal habitats in a large-scale coastal development. In addition to this project being part of my course, it gave me the opportunity to work at one of the leading development consultancies in the UK. This course not only enhanced me academically but gave me valuable working experience in the Environmental field. I would recommend the Marine Environmental Management program at the University of York to anyone wanting to develop themselves in order to pursue a career in this field.