The Marine Environmental Management course is a great way to deepen your knowledge of the marine environment and further your career in managing or researching it. One of the best things about the course is it allows you to choose a lot of your modules and topics of research within those modules, allowing you to tailor it to your own interests. Whether you are interested in pure ecology, marine policy or environmental economics the course provides the opportunity to pursue your interests, and gives you the adequate background in the taught modules to do this competently. The best thing about the course was the summer placement. This is left entirely up to the student to organise, which is a good experience in itself, and is a great chance to use what you have learned in the real world.

Having done my undergraduate course in York I had no doubts about the friendly, warm and helpful staff at the Environment Department and they didn’t let me down in my masters. For example, in Freshers’ week you get a day trip to Whitby to get to meet each other. This was a wonderful day out and created an atmosphere in which I’ve made friends for life.

A word of warning though, the course is not for the faint-hearted, it requires a lot of work! But if you are serious about wanting to take on the challenge then you will get an awful lot out of it.

Since finishing the course I have obtained an internship with the Institute for European Environmental Policy, working in the fisheries team analysing the EU’s Common Fisheries Policy. The masters at York really provided me with the knowledge, skills and confidence to do this work.