

Career destinations

BSC(Hons) Geography with Marine Studies

Percentage of leavers in known destinations (2009)

The first students completed this course in 2010; surveys of graduates from this course will therefore begin early in 2011.

Knowledge and skills

In addition to knowledge about the nature and formation of the physical environment and the impact of humans on it, students focus on the marine environment and its resources. They acquire a wide of skills through undertaking field work, collecting and analysing information, research, and report writing. They also develop awareness of social, moral and ethical issues. Graduates have additional transferable skills such as problem solving, decision making, numeracy, use of IT, team working, communication, discussion and presentation.

Further study/training

To become a teacher the usual route is to take a one year post graduate course, but there are also direct employment and training routes. Postgraduate study is also available in related areas, such as coastal and marine resource management.

Career opportunities

Employment may be in roles such as environmental advice, project work, monitoring and regulatory work for environment bodies, research, and consultancy. Employers include local government, conservation bodies, environmental protection agencies, charities, development agencies, and the civil service.

The general skills developed on this course are relevant for other career areas including business, law and finance. An insight into the sorts of options available at the end of this course can be gained by looking at destinations of leavers from geography courses across the UK at www.prospects.ac.uk Statistics show that geography graduates are among some of the most employable graduates, as the skills and knowledge developed are useful to a wide range of employers.