

ENVS100 introduces students to the skills they will need to study Geography at degree level and for future employment beyond their studies. The module starts off with a weekend field course in north Wales where students get to know each other, their assigned tutor and other members of staff. As part of this students undertake group projects on themes such as renewable energy, national identity, sustainable development and energy efficiency. The module is then delivered primarily by lectures and in small group tutorials with assigned tutors. Tutorial groups meet formally at regular intervals, usually every 2 weeks, to develop key academic skills and to produce essays, oral presentations and posters on geographical themes defined by individual tutors.

The lectures which run throughout the two semesters introduce students to a range of concepts including GIS. Students also receive careers advice through lectures delivered by the Careers Centre staff at the University of Liverpool. The GIS component includes four practical exercises where students receive hands-on specialist training in the use of GIS technologies. The assessment for the module consists of a tutorial essay, oral presentation, poster and four GIS practical sessions where students are required to produce GIS maps.

