

# Human Geography through Merseyside

## ENVS162

Human Geography offers unique insights into contemporary social, cultural and political challenges, making important contributions to broader interdisciplinary social science and humanities knowledges. Merseyside, and Liverpool in particular, is a city region which has undergone significant change in the last decade, making it a fantastic place to study Geography. The city has the fastest growing economy in the UK outside of London, was European Capital of Culture in 2008, continues to host significant cultural events, and is a prime example of culture-led regeneration. A truly international city, Liverpool has a long history of connections to other places, through trade, culture and migration. Liverpool is home to the oldest Black African community in the UK and the oldest Chinese community in Europe and issues about population change continue to be important. Liverpool also has a unique political history which continues to inform and inspire contemporary political movements and challenges. This module therefore provides students with the opportunity to explore key contemporary geographical issues through Merseyside.

The module will involve four, daylong intensive practical activities spread throughout the second semester. These day long sessions are structured around the following four themes: Social & Cultural Geographies; Historical & Political Geographies; Population Geography; Spatial Analysis of Liverpool

The themed days will involve a mix of the following:

- Walking tours and site visits in Liverpool.
- Short lectures on approaches to data collection and analysis in geography.
- Collection and analysis of primary and secondary, qualitative and quantitative data.
- Computer lab sessions focused on data acquisition, manipulation and analysis.
- Seminar-style group discussions of activities and findings.

Assessment will involve two elements:

- Students will work in groups to produce a written report (max. 1,000 words) or the equivalent on each themed day, discussing the practical with reference to relevant literature in Human Geography.
- Students will work independently to produce a written report on issues related to various approaches to data in Human Geography at the end of the module.

