

Dissertation and Work-Based Dissertation

ENVS321 & 323

These modules provide an opportunity for students to develop their own research project on a topic of their choice. Students are supported by an expert academic supervisor on a one-to-one basis, guiding them through all stages of research design, data collection, interpretation and write up. Both the standard dissertation module (ENVS321) and the alternative work-based dissertation module (ENVS323) give students the opportunity to do research that is career focussed but the work-based dissertation module emphasises this element, requiring a minimum of 20 days work-experience over the summer between second and third year. Assessment at the end of both of these modules is based on a written dissertation with an additional work-experience report and a skills diary for the work-based module. Examples of research projects undertaken by undergraduate students include:

Human Geography related projects

- The rise of far-right opinion in the British political mainstream
- Aid and its effects on Health in Cambodia
- A study of gender in the banking industry
- Liverpool 2008 European Capital of Culture campaign, a tale of two cities

Physical Geography related projects

- The potential impacts of wave power on the UK's future energy production?
- Glacial land system responses to rapid ice marginal retreat at Virkisjokull, S.E. Iceland.
- Vegetation impact on urban heat island mitigation: A study around Princes Park
- Late Holocene changes in sediment flux: a palaeolimnological assessment of Brotherswater

Cross-disciplinary related projects

- The Aftermath of Mount Vesuvius: 1944 Eruption and Volcanic Maladjustment
- Businesses, sustainability and ethics
- Human and Environmental impact on Natterjack Toad habitat in the Sefton dunes
- The 1957/8 Eruption of Capelinhos, Faial, The Azores: The causes for the Immigration to America

