

Environmental Geography BSc (Hons)

UCAS Code: F780 | Duration: 3 years | Full-time | Hope Park | 2026/2027

Placement year opportunities available | Study Abroad opportunities



Course Overview

Environmental Geography explores the interactions between the physical, ecological, and human worlds, examining how landscapes evolve and how people impact the environment. This Environmental Geography degree provides an interdisciplinary study of human and physical geography, biodiversity, ecology, environmental biology, and human–environment interactions, essential for understanding and managing environmental challenges.

The Environmental Geography course equips you with knowledge of dynamic natural processes and their interaction with human activity and technology, preparing you to manage environmental resources sustainably. You will develop an understanding of both ecological and geomorphological systems and their role in addressing major environmental issues, including biodiversity conservation.

Taught by an enthusiastic team of geographers and environmentalists, the Environmental Geography degree benefits from Liverpool's diverse surroundings, including upland and coastal landscapes, providing an ideal setting for study. A Placement Year option is available, offering the opportunity to gain valuable work experience alongside your Environmental Geography course.

Entry Requirements

This course follows the standard University entry requirements. Please see the website for further information.

Fees and Additional Costs

The tuition fees for 2026/2027 are £9,790 for full-time undergraduate courses.

As well as your tuition fees, you need to consider the costs of compulsory and optional residential and other fieldwork trips. Costs vary but we estimate you will need around £400. You also need around £200 to buy key textbooks and around £100 for fieldwork equipment such as boots and a waterproof coat.

You will also need to consider the cost of your accommodation each year whilst you study at university. Visit our accommodation webpages for further details about our Halls of Residence: www.hope.ac.uk/halls

Applicants will need access to a computer if course delivery is switched to online. The University has a laptop lending service if remote study is necessary.



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BSc (Hons) Curriculum

Year One

Global Governance and World Regions

This module explores the interconnected nature of our world and examines how decisions made at local, national, and international levels influence global governance and shape opportunities and it is constructed in two sections. One section focuses on globalization, governance, citizenship, and sustainable development. The other section emphasis shifts to Understanding the World—analysing different regions, including Europe, Asia, the Americas, Africa, and Oceania.

Academic and Professional Skills

This module is designed to equip students with the skills needed to succeed at university and beyond. It builds confidence in academic reading, writing, and research, while providing practical tools such as data analysis and mapping, and guidance on the responsible use of AI.

Earth and Ecological Systems

This interdisciplinary module provides a framework for exploring the natural systems and processes that shape a complex and dynamic Earth.

Global Challenges

This module explores the major environmental and societal challenges of the 21st century, encouraging students to approach global issues from multiple perspectives and providing a strong foundation for future studies.

Year Two

Environmental Policy, Planning and Management

An exploration of, for example, legislation; policy; planning; environmental impacts and management.

Landscape Assessment

An exploration of applied dimensions of environmental geoscience through landscape assessment.

Earth Surface Processes

An exploration of geomorphological and biogeographical processes

and their contribution to landscape development.

Understanding the Environment

An exploration of the representation and interpretation of landscapes and ways of researching the environment.

Principles of Ecology

You will develop your understanding of the underlying theories and principles of ecology such as sustainability, biosphere cycles, natural resources, evolution and distribution of organisms.

Habitat Management

You will explore habitat management practice with the aim to conserve, protect and restore natural and semi-natural habitats. You will develop your knowledge and understanding of species action plans (SAPs).

Biodiversity Conservation

You will develop an in-depth and critical understanding of the value, importance and urgency of protecting species and their habitats from key threats including extinction.

'Experiential Learning Block'

An applied project based study block that can be undertaken as one of several formats e.g. fieldwork based; problem-based task; work placement related; or a block of work-based learning.

Fieldwork (residential and/or non-residential)

Year Three

Sustainable Futures

A consideration and evaluation of themes and debates surrounding the human-environment nexus, for example, sustainability; sustainable development; environmental resource management; climate change; and the Anthropocene.

Earth's Dynamic Environments

Advanced investigations of geomorphological processes and change in a specific area of physical geography.

History, Development and Current Practice of Geography

An exploration of the historical and current practice in physical environments and human geographies.

Applied Ecology

Advanced studies of ecology through investigations of specific examples of applied ecological practice.

Current Research and Practice in Ecology and Conservation

An exploration of the current knowledge, research and practice in ecology and/or conservation.

International Fieldwork

You will undertake fieldwork internationally. Past countries have included Malta.

Honours Project (dissertation)

COURSE STRUCTURE

Teaching on this degree is structured into lectures, where all students are taught together, seminars of smaller groups of around 20-25 students, and tutorials which typically have no more than 10 students. There are also a number of fieldtrips each year, as well as the opportunity to have a one-to-one meeting with your tutor each week.

In your first year there are approximately 12 teaching hours each week, which reduces to approximately 10 teaching hours in your second and third years. On top of teaching hours, you are also expected to spend a number of hours studying independently each week, as well as group study to prepare for any group assessments you may have.

ASSESSMENT AND FEEDBACK

Throughout your three years of study, you will be assessed in a number of ways, including written exams, coursework (consisting of both essays and reports), portfolios, a literature review, academic posters, and presentations. In your final year you will also complete a dissertation.

You will be given written feedback on your assessments, and you will have the opportunity to discuss this with your tutor in more detail.