The Department of Geography, Environment and Disaster Management
Undergraduate and Postgraduate Courses

The phoenix, the symbol for Coventry University, is a mythological bird that represents continuous self-creation, opportunity and abundance.

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Whether you are considering a first degree, a professional diploma or a postgraduate qualification, study at university represents a considerable step in advancing your career.

This brochure is designed to inform you about the range of courses offered by the Department of Geography, Environment and Disaster Management at Coventry University.

Our courses are innovative, topical and stimulating and designed to equip you with the skills required to advance in a variety of professional careers. Courses have been taught in geography and environmental science at Coventry for well over thirty years, and in disaster management for approaching twenty years. We have consistently achieved excellent ratings for the quality of our teaching and have maintained a reputation for national excellence in applied research in every research assessment exercise of the last two decades. We are an acknowledged market leader in most of our specialist areas, and we are committed to a programme of continual improvement in the content and delivery of our courses.

A popular feature of many of our undergraduate and postgraduate degrees is the emphasis placed upon fieldwork, practical skills and employability.

All undergraduate students in Geography and Disaster Management, for example, benefit from a programme of residential fieldcourses at every stage, culminating in a final year international fieldcourse based in Africa or Europe. Many postgraduate students also enjoy site visits and residential fieldcourses. Employability is enhanced at every stage of our courses, from the moment you are enrolled as a member of a professional body to the opportunities we provide for students to undertake a professional training year or period of internship with a relevant organisation.

We were the first geography-related department in the country to offer a professional training year and our links with a number of companies and organisations over the past thirty years will certainly enhance the quality of your educational experience with us.

I hope that you find this brochure useful. Should you need any further information on any of the courses featured here, please view the Coventry University website (www.coventry.ac.uk) or contact one of our admissions tutors to discuss the course that you are interested in studying.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Department.

Best wishes
Dr. Philip Dunham
Head of Department
City of Coventry

The City
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Coventry Blaze
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Coventry University Technology Park
An exciting development for both the University and for the City has been the creation of the 20-acre Coventry University Technology Park. It is home to the Techno Centre, a unique complex offering a focus for training, conferences and business opportunities, the Enterprise Centre, a £3m development providing dedicated accommodation for new small and medium-sized enterprises, and the Coventry and Warwickshire New Technology Institute, which works with companies to address skills shortages in ICT and advanced technology.

Sport and Recreation
For sport and fitness enthusiasts Coventry University’s 16m state-of-the-art Sport and Recreation Centre is in a central location on campus. This facility offers a vast range of activities catering for all sporting tastes including a fitness suite, four-court hall – suitable for volleyball, basketball, netball, cricket and football, two-court hall – suitable for table-tennis and badminton and a dance studio suitable for exercise classes.

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Sport
There’s plenty on offer for sport lovers too. The Ricoh Arena, home to Coventry City Football Club is a new development which houses a 32,000 capacity football stadium.

This will also be the venue for some of the UK’s most high profile sports and entertainment events. The £113m multi-purpose development expands over 72 acres and is one of the most prestigious arenas, conference and exhibition centres in the country. In addition, we couldn’t be closer to the City sports centre which is home to an Olympic sized swimming pool. As we are situated in the centre of England, we are also very close to Edgbaston, a venue for international test cricket.

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The Department
The Department of Geography, Environment and Disaster Management is one of the strongest and most distinctive academic groupings within the University. It brings together over 25 lecturers, and practitioners from five academic disciplines: human and physical geography, energy, environmental science, disaster management and tourism.

Our ethos is to provide high quality teaching and research of particular relevance to today’s global challenges and to a range of professional careers. If asked to identify the most pressing issues facing the world, it is likely that your list would include at least some of the following: climate change and global warming; disease and global poverty; natural hazards; international terrorism and human security; renewable energy and sustainable development. With its unique combination of skills, our staff team is able to offer perspectives on all of these issues, ranging from the study of the science behind climate change and environmental hazards to the preparedness and response of different communities to a variety of natural and human-induced disasters. Currently, we have over 500 students following undergraduate, postgraduate and professional courses.

Accommodation and Learning Resources
The Department occupies two floors of the George Eliot Building, right at the heart of the campus. It boasts state-of-the-art teaching rooms, a purpose-built GIS/computer centre and a suite of well-equipped laboratories. You will also benefit from an air-conditioned map library and information room which supports quiet study in comfortable surroundings. The Department makes full use of the University’s e-learning resources. Every subject has its own interactive web-space, providing you with teaching materials, links to learning resources and the opportunity to discuss course themes with teaching staff and fellow students.

Cyril Eicher
Student, Department of Geography, Environment and Disaster Management

“The facilities are very good. As well as an award winning library, we have our own information room specially dedicated for Disaster Management and Geography.”

Employability and Fieldwork
We pride ourselves on making our courses relevant to the world of work. Undergraduates have the opportunity to combine their academic study with a full year of professional training with a relevant organisation. This experience significantly enhances employability and earning potential on graduation, with many finding their first graduate job through the organisation they worked for on placement.

Fieldwork is another important feature of our courses. At every stage of our undergraduate degrees you can benefit from a programme of residential fieldwork, with the final year fieldcourses based at a number of international locations in Europe and Africa.

Many postgraduate students also benefit from site visits and residential fieldcourses.

Assessment
All our courses benefit from a varied assessment strategy, designed to stimulate your interest and to enable you to develop a range of skills and competencies valued by employers. At undergraduate level, most subjects are assessed through a combination of coursework and end-of-year exam. The coursework assignments vary in their nature and scope, ranging from essays, articles and review papers to fieldwork/research reports, posters and oral presentations. ‘Table-top’ simulations and scenario based training exercises are also an integral feature of our Disaster Management courses. Coursework dominates the assessment of our Postgraduate degrees, with the wide variety of assignments ensuring that you develop a portfolio of advanced level skills of close relevance to your chosen career.
Applied Research in Geography, Environment and Disaster Management

The Department is home to four Applied Research Groups. Their interests range across our academic disciplines, and feed into all of our courses from first degree to taught postgraduate study. Together, our core research clusters have maintained a reputation for research quality of national excellence in every research assessment exercise of the past fifteen years.

Centre for Agro-ecology and Food Security
At a time of increasing concerns about the sustainability of global food systems, the aim of this research group is to conduct critical, rigorous and relevant research that contributes to the development of agricultural and food production practices which are economically sound, socially just and promote long-term protection of natural resources.

This group brings together social and natural scientists whose collective research expertise in the fields of agriculture and food networks spans several decades. Members of the team have a track record of securing research funding to examine themes relating to the sustainability of farming and food systems in both the developing and developed world.

Environmental Hazards and Risk Applied Research Group
This group undertakes research projects, advanced training and consultancy into environmental hazards such as floods, earthquakes and volcanoes. It also investigates the economic and environmental risks associated with oil and gas. It brings together the knowledge and skills of a body of experienced academic staff across Coventry University who have expertise in physical geography, environmental modelling and impact assessment, geoinformatics and the energy sector and disaster risk reduction. The group addresses cross-disciplinary issues, including:

• Using remote sensing and GIS to map, monitor and model environmental hazards
• The analysis and communication of environmental and economic risk
• Environmental reconstruction and environmental responses to climate change.

Sustainable Urban Drainage Applied Research Group
This group investigates opportunities for sustainable surface water drainage management, including rainwater recycling and drainage, porous pavements and ponds. When designing new buildings and infrastructure, future climate change needs to be considered, such as increased risks of flooding within the lifetime of planned developments. Although flooding cannot be wholly prevented, its impacts can be avoided and reduced through good planning and management using Sustainable Urban Drainage.

Centre for Disaster Management
The Centre for Disaster Management specialises in applied research linked to the continuing development and training of professionals and practitioners in the disaster management sector. The group includes specialists in emergency planning and management, international disaster relief, business continuity management and the allied concepts of risk management, resilience and vulnerability. The Centre supports an annual programme of specialist courses and ‘masterclass’ events, focusing on current issues and developments of major importance to the sector. It also develops and evaluates innovative forms of scenario and simulation-based training for disaster management professionals.
The Geography, Environment and Disaster Management Department stresses the importance of preparing you for the working environment and recognises that graduates with placement experience will, usually, gain higher paid jobs more rapidly than those who have not.

Our Employability and Placements Unit (EPU) offers an invaluable service to all undergraduate and postgraduate students strengthening their employment skills and assisting them with the transition period from study to the world of work.

The Global Leaders Programme is an exciting new development on offer to all our enrolled Postgraduate students; to prepare you for the challenges of the global employment market. The programme aims to strengthen and develop your broader personal and professional skills.

Benefits to you include:
- Improve your communication skills and train to be a leader!
- Network with employers
- Experience different cultures
- Visit industry in an international country and in the UK

The service consists of long and short term work placements, guidance for students during their search for placements and employment, online support with regular updates of current vacancies, events and news, and administrative support to ensure students are well-prepared prior to commencing their placement and the Add+vantage Scheme.

For further information please email: placements.bes@coventry.ac.uk or telephone: +44 (0)24 7688 7174 or visit: www.coventry.ac.uk/epu

The unique Add+vantage Scheme offers you as an undergraduate student an extensive range of subjects to help you gain work related knowledge, develop employability competencies such as decisiveness, initiative, and adaptability and manage your career. We have developed an interactive and online Employability and Learning Programme, designed to help you develop employability competencies, plan your personal and career development and enter graduate employment. The Add+vantage Scheme also provides an opportunity for you to choose additional subjects in each year of your taught degree.

The student mentors support the first years mainly by sharing similar experiences, encouraging peers in their learning and building a sense of community on campus.

2gether Student Mentoring Programme

We have a team of trained student mentors in the Department who offer support and encouragement to new students. The Mentoring Programme involves the development of an informal relationship between the first year students and their mentors who support them through the transition to University.
Disaster Management
BSc (Hons)

UCAS Course Code: NH22
Course Length: 3 years full-time; 4 years with a professional training year

Entry Requirements:

Typical Offers
A-Levels: BCC-BBC from at least three A2 levels
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma: DMM-DDM
Access: The Access Diploma to include 30 Level 3 credits at Merit. Access applicants meet the GCSE requirements through their current studies and do not need to have these qualifications separately.
International Baccalaureate: 28-29 points

Essential Entry Requirements:
GCSEs: 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C including English Language and Mathematics
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Other acceptable qualifications please visit: www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/qualifications

National Student Survey: For information about the National Student Survey please visit: www.coventry.ac.uk

Studying this course will enable you to:
- Gain excellent employment prospects in public, charitable and private organisations involved in relief and development;
- Take advantage of professional training opportunities in highly relevant national and international organisations;
- Develop technical skills in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and other technologies used in the sector;
- Attend professional seminars and events;
- Develop highly desirable graduate level skills that are sought after by a range of employers;
- Be part of the Coventry University Centre for Disaster Management.

A professional Disaster Manager needs to have expertise in a wide range of disciplines. This course is designed to help you develop a high level understanding of hazard process, vulnerability and risk, organisational and human resource management issues, project management and key technological approaches to the management and mitigation of disasters. You will have the opportunity to develop excellent team and leadership skills in simulated disaster scenarios on our Level 1 and 2 residential field courses. You will also have the opportunity to see first hand the impacts and legacy of disaster and approaches to risk management on our final year international field trip.

The Disaster Management BSc Honours degree is a blend of practical training and academically challenging study. You will gain an understanding of:

• The nature and causes of disasters;
• What makes people vulnerable to disaster;
• Organisational and operational management issues for those involved in disaster preparedness;
• Response and mitigation interventions.

These issues are examined in the context of national and international drivers to reduce the vulnerability of communities exposed to current threats. You will also investigate future threats to communities and organisations that may emerge as a result of environmental and socio-political change. You will study the phases within the cycle of disaster management and the role of the government, international agencies and non-government organisations.

Future Prospects
A blend of academic and skills-based disciplines will ensure you develop the disaster management knowledge to prepare you for employment. Potential employers include:
- The Armed Forces
- United Nations Organisations
- Relief and Development Agencies
- Government Agencies
- Environment Agencies
- The Emergency Services
- Private Sector Companies who assess risk and use or deliver business continuity services.

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Indicative Course Content

Year 1
• Introduction to Disasters
• Introduction to Emergency Management, Relief and Recovery
• Organisations and Management in Disasters
• Earth Systems
• Introduction to Field Operations, including fieldwork in Snowdonia
• Disaster Management tutorials and Higher Education study skills
• Add-vantage Topic

Year 2
• Assessment for Disaster Interventions
• Technologies for Relief and Development
• Tactical Field Operations, including fieldwork in Snowdonia
• Development and Inequality
• Project and Continuity Management
• Warning and Informing for Environmental Hazards
• Geographical Information Systems
• Career Skills, including preparation for the placement
• Add-vantage Topic

Professional Training Year (optional placement)

Indicative Course Content

Year 1
• Disaster and Crisis Studies
• Development, Health and Relief
• Resilience to Environmental Disasters
• Water and Environmental Engineering in Disasters
• Technologies for Reconstruction and Development
• International Disaster Management, including fieldwork in Italy
• Geospatial Analysis of Natural Hazards
• Independent Project on a topic of your choice and supervised by your personal tutor
• Employment Skills
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Disaster Management and Emergency Planning
BSc (Hons)

UCAS Course Code: N901
Course Length: 3 years full-time; 4 years with a professional training year

Entry Requirements:

You will benefit from a wealth of practical experience in Emergency Planning (several of our lecturers are former Emergency Planning and Management practitioners) and study current literature and legislation, such as the Civil Contingencies Act. You will gain an understanding of disasters, natural hazards, operational and crisis management, resilience building and activities carried out during recovery from major incidents and emergencies. To ensure our course is rooted in practice, expert guest speakers from various responding agencies regularly give lectures to students on the course, and the material we study is reinforced through case study examples of emergency management and practice.

Indicative Course Content

This course is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new developments and the requirements of the profession and relevant careers.

Year 1
• Introduction to Disasters
• Introduction to Emergency Management, Relief and Recovery
• Introduction to Field Operations, including fieldwork in Snowdonia
• Organisations and Management in Disasters
• Earth Systems
• Disaster Management and Emergency Planning tutorials and Higher Education skills
• Add-vantage Topic

Year 2
• Dealing with Emergencies in the UK
• Assessment for Disaster Interventions
• Tactical Field Operations, including fieldwork in Snowdonia
• Project and Continuity Management
• Warning and Informing for Environmental Hazards
• Geographical Information Systems
• Career Skills, including preparation for the placement
• Add-vantage Topic

Professional Training Year (optional placement)

Final Year
• Concepts and Issues in Emergency Planning
• Training and Exercising for Emergency Management
• Disaster and Crisis Studies
• International Disaster Management and Emergency Planning, including fieldwork in Italy
• Community Resilience to Environmental Disasters
• Geospatial Analysis of Hazards
• Independent Project on a topic of your choice and supervised by your personal tutor
• Employment Skills
• Add-vantage Topic

Future Prospects

A blend of academic and skills-based study will ensure you develop the disaster management knowledge needed to prepare you for employment in a variety of organisations. These include emergency and business continuity planning in public and corporate sector organisations, the uniformed services or working for government agencies such as the health and emergency services or the Environment Agency.

Disaster Management is multidisciplinary, with professionals from various fields often working together. Your skills in organisational, project and human resource management, field operations, teamwork and leadership are highly desirable whatever career you wish to pursue.

National Student Survey:
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Kieran Munnelly
BSc Disaster Management and Emergency Planning

"On your third year you have the option to undertake a professional training placement to gain some valuable work experience which I highly recommend to everyone. During the summer, with an advertisement through the University, I applied and then was offered a job at the London Borough of Camden in the Emergency Planning and Business Continuity team."

Aaron Vogel
BSc Disaster Management and Emergency Planning

"I chose the course because of the wide subject area that is covered. It also encourages and supports students in securing placement opportunities to gain valuable experience and skills to enhance your future career."

In a disaster scenario, the timely and coordinated activities of the responding agencies is crucial. This course is designed to equip you with the skills and experience to pursue a career in Emergency Planning. You will examine the theory and practice of Emergency Planning and Management in a range of developed world contexts, comparing approaches in the UK with those in New Zealand, the US, Australia and Canada.

The course provides you with the skills needed to practice disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and long-term recovery activities within a complex technological society such as the UK. The course content has been reviewed and revised in the light of the new National Occupational Standards in Emergency Management. In the near future all Emergency Management professionals will need to have a recognised undergraduate qualification as a first step in professional development. Staff at Coventry are involved with the UK Emergency Planning Society, in defining undergraduate curriculum requirements and developing standards.

Typical Offers

A-Levels:
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma: BCC-BBC from at least three A2 levels

Access: The Access Diploma to include 30 Level 3 credits at Merit.

International Baccalaureate: 28-29 points

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Geography
BA (Hons)

UCAS Course Code: L700
Course Length: 3 years full-time; 4 years with a professional training year; 4 years with study at a European University

Entry Requirements:

Typical Offers

A-Levels:
BBC from at least three A2 levels

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma:
DDM

Access: The Access Diploma to include 30 Level 3 credits at Merit. Access applicants meet the GCSE requirements through their current studies and do not need to have these qualifications separately.

International Baccalaureate: 29 points

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Studying this course will enable you to:

• Gain excellent employment prospects in public and private sector organisations concerned with promoting social, economic and sustainable development;
• Understand the key global challenges influencing the ability of people around the world to secure sustainable livelihoods;
• Appreciate the spatial organisation and evolution of human societies at different scales;
• Undertake practical fieldwork in a range of locations, both in the UK and overseas;
• Be stimulated by an academic course that is recognised nationally for the excellence of its teaching and its high levels of student satisfaction;
• Enjoy student membership of The Royal Geographical Society and the Coventry Geography Student Society.

Jennifer Binks
BA Geography

“One of the best things about my course are the fieldtrips. They are a great opportunity to learn what cannot necessarily be taught in a classroom.”

Samuel Mante
BA Geography

“The lecturers on the course are approachable and are available to give you a helping hand, which makes the course more enjoyable. There are also fieldtrips on the course which really help you understand how these theories are implemented.”

Indicative Course Content

This course is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new developments in the subject and the changing requirements of relevant careers.

Year 1

• A Globalising World
• A Sustainable Britain
• Earth Systems
• Landscape Processes
• Practicals and Residential Fieldwork
• Geography tutorials and Higher Education Skills
• Add-vantage Topic

Future Prospects

Uniquely, Geography bridges the social and earth sciences and this opens up numerous career opportunities. Graduates in Geography have the skills to undertake research on important social, economic and environmental issues, changing lifestyles and apply the latest technologies in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to analyse patterns in census, health and economic data. Many of our graduates are stimulated to pursue postgraduate study, teacher training or professional qualifications.

They work for local authorities, government agencies, utility companies, research institutes, charitable organisations and consultancies. Like them you will be literate, numerate, graphical and experienced at solving complex problems by analysing and synthesising information. These skills are highly valued by employers. The professional training year will further enhance your prospects of finding graduates employment and your GIS skills provide entry to one of the most important emerging industries.

www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/geography
Geography
BSc (Hons)

UCAS Course Code: F800
Course Length: 3 years full-time; 4 years with a Professional Training Year

Entry Requirements:

Typical Offers

A-Levels:
BBC from A2 levels

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma:
DDM

Access:
The Access Diploma to include 30 Level 3 credits at Merit. Access applicants meet the GCSE requirements through their current studies and do not need to have these qualifications separately.

International Baccalaureate:
29 points

Essential Entry Requirements:

GCSEs: 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C including English Language and Mathematics

If English is not your first language you also require:

English as a Foreign Language:
at least 6.0 IELTS or equivalent qualifications

Other acceptable qualifications please visit:
www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/qualifications

National Student Survey:
For information about the National Student Survey please visit:
www.coventry.ac.uk

The BSc Geography degree explores our world and the processes that shape it over millions of years. With the support of geographical information science, it focuses on key physical and environmental principles that offer new insight into global issues such as climate change, sustainability and pollution. Furthermore, you will assess the vulnerability of people and places to change, and, as future guardians of the environment, provide responses through programmes of mitigation and management.

Studying this course will enable you to:

• Gain excellent employment prospects in public and private sector organisations concerned with environmental management and/or promoting sustainable development;
• Understand the spatial organisation and development of the physical environment and its relationship with human society;
• Appreciate the nature and causes of key global issues such as climate change and environmental degradation;
• Be able to take advantage of professional training opportunities in highly relevant organisations;
• Undertake practical fieldwork in a range of locations, both in the UK and overseas;
• Enjoy student membership of The Royal Geographical Society, and the Coventry Geography Student Society.

Indicative Course Content

This course is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new developments in the subject and the changing requirements of relevant careers.

Year 1

• Earth Systems
• Landscape Processes
• Practicals and Fieldwork
• A Globalising World
• A Sustainable Britain
• Geography tutorials and Higher Education Skills
• Add+vantage Topic

Year 2

• Oceans and Atmosphere
• A Sustainable World
• Rivers and Coasts
• Research Methods and Residential Fieldwork
• Geographical Information Applications
• Climate Change
• Natural Hazards
• Career Skills, including preparation for the placement
• Add+vantage Topic

Professional Training Year

Final Year

• Issues in Sustainability
• GIS and Natural Hazards
• Quaternary Climate Change
• Water and Environmental Engineering
• Dyna1nd Geomorphology and Hazard Management
• Environmental Management
• International Fieldwork
• Employment Skills
• Add+vantage Topic

Future Prospects

Uniquely, Geography bridges the social and earth sciences. Field and laboratory work are essential components of your course and graduates will have the skills to observe, analyse and interpret both natural and human environments. You will be trained to use fossils and sediment sequences to reconstruct past environments and to apply latest technologies in Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Graduates are stimulated to pursue postgraduate study, teacher training, or professional qualifications. They work for local authorities, government agencies, utility companies, research institutes, charitable organisations and consultancies. Like them you will be literate, numerate, graphical and experienced at solving complex problems by analysing and synthesising information. These skills are highly valued by employers. The Professional Training Year will further enhance your prospects of finding graduate employment and your GIS skills provide entry to one of the most important emerging industries.

Studying Geography in Coventry

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Becky Hill
BSc Geography

“The University facilities are first class. The GIS lab houses the most up-to-date software, and students also have access to a map library with a cartographer and librarian, laboratories and a roof top green house.”

Hannah Norris
BSc Geography

“During the course I have met some amazing people. Everyone on the course gets along really well and we all help each other out.”
Geography and Natural Hazards
BSc (Hons)

UCAS Course Code: FH82
Course Length: 3 years full-time; 4 years with a professional training year; 4 years with study at a European University

Entry Requirements:

Typical Offers
A-Levels:
BBC from at least three A2 levels
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma:
DDM
Access: The Access Diploma to include 30 Level 3 credits at Merit. Access applicants meet the GCSE requirements through their current studies and do not need to have these qualifications separately.
International Baccalaureate: 29 points
Essential Entry Requirements:
GCSEs: 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C including English Language and Mathematics
If English is not your first language you also require:
English as a Foreign Language: at least 6.0 IELTS or equivalent qualifications
Other acceptable qualifications please visit: www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/qualifications

National Student Survey: For information about the National Student Survey please visit: www.coventry.ac.uk

This is a unique course that enables you to develop your geographical knowledge and skills and apply them to the study of natural hazards. You will study the nature, causes and the geographical impacts of geohazards and climatological hazards such as volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, tropical cyclones, extratropical cyclones and both river and coastal flooding. The course will provide you with an understanding of the processes that are responsible for these hazards, together with a grounding in skills to mitigate against them and manage disasters. You will learn the basic principles of geology, geomorphology, hydrology and climatology and develop your understanding of natural hazards from a geographical perspective. You will examine case studies and apply the latest technologies in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to map and analyse natural hazards and their impacts. Residential fieldcourses in the first two years provide instruction in field techniques and strengthen your experience of the geography of the UK. In your final year you will have the opportunity to complete a fieldcourse at an overseas location.

Studying this course will enable you to:
• Obtain excellent employment prospects in a range of public and private sector organisations concerned with the analysis and management of natural hazards;
• Understand the nature, causes and principal consequences of a range of natural hazards;
• Gain insights into the technologies used to monitor, predict, map, mitigate and actively manage natural hazards and disasters;
• Undertake practical fieldwork in a range of locations, both in the UK and overseas;
• Enjoy student membership of The Royal Geographical Society and the Coventry Geography Student Society.

Indicative Course Content
This course is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new developments in the subject and the changing requirements of relevant careers.

Year 1
• Earth Systems
• Landscape Processes
• Introduction to Disasters
• Practicals and Fieldwork in Natural Hazards
• A Sustainable Britain
• Geography and Natural Hazards tutorials and Higher Education Skills
• Add-vantage Topic

Year 2
• Natural Hazards
• Warning and Informing for Environmental Hazards
• Research Methods and Fieldwork in Natural Hazards
• Geographical Information Applications
• Geotechnical Engineering
• Climate Change
• Rivers and Coasts
• Career Skills, including preparation for the placement
• Add-vantage Topic

Future Prospects
Uniquely, Geography bridges the social and earth sciences. Field and laboratory work are essential components of your course and graduates will have the skills to observe, analyse and interpret both natural and human environments. You will be trained to use fossils and sediment sequences to reconstruct past environments and to apply latest technologies in Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Graduates are stimulated to pursue postgraduate study, teacher training, or professional qualifications. They work for local authorities, government agencies, utility companies, research institutes, charitable organisations and consultancies. Like them you will be literate, numerate, graphical and experienced at solving complex problems by analysing and synthesising information. These skills are highly valued by employers. The Professional Training Year will further enhance your prospects of finding graduate employment and your GIS skills provide entry to one of the most important emerging industries.

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Eleanor Brafield
BSc Geography and Natural Hazards

"I have met some of the best people through my course, everyone is really friendly and we all get on as one big group which is really nice. The course has a good range of coursework's, presentations, essays, reports and even book reviews and poster making! The highlight of studying a Geography based degree has to be the fieldtrips."

Hannah Masterson
BSc Geography and Natural Hazards

"There is a lot of employment support at the university, for example, I am just completing a topic titled ‘Career Skills’ which aims to improve your cv and interview skills."

Alex Berzins
BSc Geography and Natural Hazards

"The subjects offered on the course are diverse and interesting and cover a wide area of physical geography."

For fee information please visit: UK fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/fees International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/international/fees
Oil, Gas and Energy Management
BSc

UCAS Course Code: NH82
Course Length: 3 years full-time; 4 years with a professional training year; 4 years with study at a European University

Entry Requirements:

Typical Offers
A-Levels:
BBC-BBB from at least three A2 levels
BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma:
DDM

Access: The Access Diploma to include 30 Level 3 credits at Merit. Access applicants meet the GCSE requirements through their current studies and do not need to have these qualifications separately.

International Baccalaureate:
29-30 points

Essential Entry Requirements:
GCSEs: 5 GCSEs at grade A*-C including English Language and Mathematics
If English is not your first language you also require:
English as a Foreign Language: at least 6.0 IELTS or equivalent qualifications

Other acceptable qualifications please visit:
www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/qualifications

National Student Survey:
For information about the National Student Survey please visit:
www.coventry.ac.uk

This course will teach you about the processes, threats and opportunities that underpin the successful management of the international energy sector in the 21st century. You will also develop the skills required to support a range of exciting careers, from multinational energy companies to consultancies, government ministries and international agencies.

Studying this course will enable you to:
• gain student membership of the Energy Institute (EI), the leading professional body for the international energy industry;
• understand the key challenges and opportunities facing the oil and gas sector in the 21st century;
• learn from a course team that is recognised nationally for the excellence of its teaching;
• undertake work experience and professional training in a range of relevant organisations;
• be well positioned for an exciting career in national and international organisations concerned with the development, regulation and management of the global energy industry;

Indicative Course Content

This course is regularly reviewed and updated to reflect new developments in the subject and the changing requirements of relevant career.

Year 1
• Introduction to Energy
• Consequences of Energy Production and Consumption
• Introduction to Business Economics
• A Globalising World
• Research techniques and study skills
• Small group tutorials for Oil, Gas and Energy Management
• Add+vantage Topic of your choice

Year 2
• Petroleum Technologies
• Nuclear and Renewable Electricity
• Research Methods
• World Business and Trade Energy Policy and Economics
• Career Skills, including preparation for the placement
• Add+vantage Topic of your choice

Professional Training Year (optional placement)

Final Year
• Marketing and Distribution of Oil
• Climate Change Science and Carbon Management
• Applied Research Project
• Disaster and Crisis Studies
• Training and Exercising for Emergency Management
• International Economics and Finance Energy Trading and Exchanges
• Environmental Management Systems Impact Assessment in the Energy Industry
• Skills for Employment in the Oil, Gas and Energy Sector
• Add+vantage Topic of your choice

Future Prospects

This course will prepare you for a rewarding career in the rapidly growing energy and hydrocarbon industry. The energy sector requires highly skilled technicians and, above all, good managers who understand the diverse issues and challenges it faces. Your detailed understanding of the petroleum industry and sustainable energy management, together with your specialist skills in disaster management, international economics and health and safety, will help you find employment in national and multinational energy companies, energy and environmental consultancies, government ministries and international and regulatory agencies.

For fee information please visit: UK fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/fees International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/international/fees
Final Year Courses with Advanced Standing

The Department offers a suite of final year undergraduate courses. These courses allow entry to a degree course at final stage.

Students who enrol on the final year courses will join others from the UK and from different countries in their studies. They will have the opportunity to meet and interact with students from different backgrounds and compare experiences.

Advanced standing courses offer a fantastic and cost-effective opportunity to gain an internationally recognised honours degree. Advanced English support is available for those whose first language is not English.

Environmental Management
BSc (Hons)

Course Code: F754
Entry Requirements: at least 6.5 in IELTS or equivalent and Years 1 and 2 of a comparable degree course
Course Length: 1 year full-time

Indicative Course Content
This course has been designed to develop your understanding of environmental problems and the skills, tools, and technologies required to manage the environment in a sustainable way.

Building on subjects you will have taken in years 1 and 2 of an equivalent degree programme, you will have the opportunity to study a range of specialist topics including:

- Environmental Management Systems
- GIS and Natural Hazards
- Climate Change
- Sustainable Agriculture

You may have the opportunity to apply your knowledge to a real work situation by attending a residential fieldcourse in an overseas location.

International Disaster Management
BSc (Hons)

Course Code: NHF2
Entry Requirements: at least 6.5 in IELTS or equivalent and Years 1 and 2 of a comparable degree course
Course Length: 1 year full-time

Indicative Course Content
This course is designed to equip you with the core knowledge, skills and expertise you need to help you succeed in a range of disaster related careers.

You are given the opportunity to tailor our course to best meet your prior qualifications and your own interests or career aspirations. Building on subjects you will have already taken in years 1 and 2 of an equivalent degree, you will have the opportunity to study a range of themes, including:

- Organisations, Crisis and Business Continuity
- Community Resilience, Vulnerability and Development
- Natural Hazards, Climate Change, GIS Technologies for Relief, Reconstruction and Development Humanitarian Aid

You may have the opportunity to apply your knowledge to a real world situation by attending a residential fieldcourse in an overseas location.

International Tourism Management
BA (Hons)

Course Code: N830
Entry Requirements: at least 6.5 in IELTS or equivalent and Years 1 and 2 of a comparable degree course
Course Length: 1 year full-time

Indicative Course Content
The International Tourism course is designed with a specific focus on tourism management in an international context and incorporates the advanced study of at least one European language.

You are given the opportunity to tailor your course to best meet your prior qualifications and your own interests and career aspirations. Subject options include:

- International Tourism
- Strategy within the Leisure Industry
- Advanced Business English
- Sustainable Tourism
- Strategic Issues in Mass Tourism
- Sports Tourism
- Operations Management
- Services Marketing
- International Finance
- Managing Change in the Workplace
- Language Choice

For fee information please visit: UK fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/ug/fees International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/international/fees
Disaster Management
MSc

Entry Requirements:
Successful applicants must hold at least a Second Class Honours degree in a relevant discipline; or other qualification (which may be an appropriate professional development qualification), along with considerable relevant work experience. An interview may be required.

Course Start Date and Duration:
Start in January or September:
  - Full-time – 12 months;
  - Part-time – 24-36 months

The course places an emphasis on academic content and on application of theory and practice. The course also uses case studies to ensure that applied and theoretical knowledge complement each other. The ability to integrate theory, method, and practice; work with others; interpret, use and present data; and make use of IT, are all seen as essential to you achieving your full potential in the management of disasters. You are also encouraged to develop personal skills and reflective practice as a way of contributing to your learning and your ability to put knowledge and skills into practice.

Indicative Course Content
The course covers a range of subject areas, such as:
- Disaster Theory and Practice
- Risk, Safety and Governance
- Emergency and Disaster Planning
- Humanitarian Theory and Practice in Disasters
- The Management of Natural and Environmental Disasters
- Field Skills for Studying Natural Environments
- Business Continuity Management
- Geographical Information Systems
- Science and Services
- Research Design and Methods
- Company Internship
- Dissertation

Future Prospects
The MSc in Disaster Management is designed to introduce you to the key concepts and practices of disaster management and disaster risk reduction. The goal of the course is to enhance graduates employability through giving you the knowledge and skills necessary to critically evaluate and apply elements of disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, including the ability to conduct assessments of hazards, risks, vulnerability and capacity. Also, through providing you with an understanding of approaches that may be used internationally to reduce and manage risk, the course aims to prepare you for employment in a wide range of careers focused on disaster intervention. The course is, for example, appropriate for professionals who wish to further their careers in the areas of Disaster Management, Risk Assessment, Community Development, Humanitarian Assistance and Capacity Building. It is, furthermore, intended to meet the needs, both of those in associated professions who are wishing to enhance their professional qualification and who are looking to gain an improved understanding of contemporary, international issues in disaster, and those who wish to enter the field of disaster management.

For fee information please visit: www.coventry.ac.uk/cu/studentfunding/pg
International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/International/fees
Emergency Planning and Management
MSc

Entry Requirements:
Applicants should hold at least a Second Class Honours degree in a relevant discipline; or other qualification (which may be an appropriate professional development qualification), along with considerable relevant work experience. An interview may be required.

Course Start Date and Duration:
Start in January or September:
Full-time – 12 months;
Part-time – 24-36 months

Major emergencies in the UK have made clear the need for enhanced levels of resilience in the early part of the 21st century. Although the Civil Contingencies Act (2004) and its accompanying regulations and guidance are designed to provide for such resilience by improving the levels of preparedness and co-ordination between agencies, challenges posed by recent emergencies have demonstrated the need for ongoing vigilance and increased capabilities in respect of the levels of preparedness, response and recovery needed to deal with them. The implementation, to the required standards, of the Civil Contingencies Act (2004), the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (1999) (as amended) and other civil contingencies legislation and regulations, all demand that practitioners acquire the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to fulfil the duties that fall upon named organisations. Increased levels of preparedness and more effective responses to realised risks and threats also require an understanding of the issues that underlie many of the day-to-day problems faced by practitioners in the field of emergency planning and management. This understanding, including how such issues may be addressed in practice, is necessary in order to increase both the level of resilience of individual organisations, and the effectiveness of the integrated emergency management of disruptive challenges to the UK economy, society, and to the security of the UK populace.

The MSc in Emergency Planning and Management is designed to provide you with an advanced level of understanding of concepts and evolving best practice in the field of emergency planning and management. It will equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary for you to develop and implement strategies required by the Civil Contingencies Act (2004) and other UK civil contingencies legislation. You will examine disaster management in other countries, giving you an opportunity to consider UK policy and practice within a comparative international perspective. You will also evaluate issues in emergency planning and management, and their practical implications, with a view to improving current practice.

Indicative Course Content
The course covers a range of subject areas, such as:
• Disaster Theory and Practice
• Risk, Safety and Governance
• Emergency and Disaster Planning
• Integrated Emergency Management: Practice and Issues
• Business Continuity Management
• The Management of Natural and Environmental Disasters
• Geographical Information Systems, Science and Services
• Research Design and Methods
• Company Internship
• Dissertation

Teaching for each topic normally takes the form of one week ‘face-to-face’ contact at the university (including lectures, workshops, seminars, and exercises) followed by several weeks of directed and self-directed study, which may be undertaken off-campus. A Postgraduate Certificate may be awarded following completion of four topics; a Postgraduate Diploma would require the successful completion of eight topics; and an MSc degree would require the successful completion of an additional dissertation or organisational internship. Assessment for all topics is by 100% coursework. As well as satisfying the required standards for an academic research project, the dissertation allows you to focus your learning on your own particular professional development needs.

Future Prospects
Current concerns with enhancing resilience to emergencies in the UK, together with specific organisational duties arising from UK legislation, have created a strong demand for qualified emergency planning and management professionals. Our graduates are much sought after by a range of organisations, including local and regional government, the uniformed services, health and other public sector agencies, and many private sector companies.

The Emergency Planning and Management course is ideal if you are seeking career advancement within the public or private sectors, or if you are wishing to pursue an academic or research-oriented career. The course of study has been designed both for professionals currently working in the field of emergency planning and management, and for individuals who wish to enter into this field.

For fee information please visit: UK fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/cu/studentfunding/pg International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/International/fees
Environmental Management
MSc

Entry Requirements:

This established MSc in Environmental Management at Coventry University has welcomed students since 1991. The course is designed to provide you with a wide range of skills, knowledge and expertise in the general field of environmental management.

Environmental management issues are now prominent features of national and international political agendas. Issues such as climate change, energy concerns, contaminated land, sustainable development, pollution control and corporate social responsibility have led to an increasing demand in the UK and around the world for highly skilled environmental managers.

Entry Requirements:

You should hold a good honours degree in a science or engineering discipline though exceptions may be made if you have extensive professional experience.

Course Start Date and Duration:

Full-time – 12 months;
Part-time – 24-36 months

Indicative Course Content

A wide range of subjects are available allowing you to either broaden your experience of environmental management and its applications or to focus on more specific areas such as water pollution, environmental technologies or GIS applications. Many topics are based around case studies, industrial or field visits and extensive laboratory facilities which allow practical work in the analysis of soils, plants, airs and waters for physical, chemical and biological properties.

Subjects normally available include:

• Energy and Environmental Management Systems
• Environmental Auditing
• Environmental Impact Assessment
• Renewable Energy
• Climate Change – The Physical Science Basis
• Contaminated Land
• Impacts of Oil Production
• Pollution Prevention and Control
• Environment Monitoring Laboratories
• Ecological Management & Assessment
• Regulation, Monitoring & Assessment of Water Pollution
• Water and Wastewater treatment
• Environmental Law
• International Environmental Law
• Corporate Social Responsibility
• Remote Sensing and Digital Image Analysis
• Geospatial Information Analysis
• Geographical Information Science, Systems and Services.

The final period of study is based on your own area of interest in Environmental Management and involves an individual project or a company internship.

Future Prospects

Equipped with a broad range of practical and applied environmental skills, your progression into relevant employment is strong. With the increasing demand for environmental managers in many aspects of society, graduates have made careers with: national & local governments, environmental consultancies, industrial companies, and conservation agencies.

For fee information please visit: UK fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/cu/studentfunding/pg International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/International/fees

Jenny Aldred, MSc Environmental Management

“During the course I actually did two work placements. I volunteered as an Ecologist and did a three month paid contaminated land placement at Warwick District Council. My course lecturers at the time helped me to find these opportunities through their contacts in the industry. This proved invaluable in helping me find future employment.”

For fee information please visit: UK fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/cu/studentfunding/pg International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/International/fees
This course is ideal for a person who is interested in developing or progressing their career in the energy and hydrocarbon industry. It will benefit students from a range of technical, non-technical and commercial backgrounds. The course will provide an understanding of the processes, drivers, threats and opportunities related to the management of the oil and gas sector in the 21st century. The course is built around a core set of modules on the current and future management of hydrocarbon resources, petroleum economics, impact assessment and risk management and your operational skills will be enhanced by an opportunity to complete an IOSH accredited health and safety certificate as part of the MSc. You are able to customise the course and develop your management skills by selecting from optional modules in areas such as project management, environmental management, renewable energy, strategic and human resource management.

Indicative Course Content
A wide range of subjects are available giving you a multidisciplinary approach to the management of oil industry.

Mandatory Subjects
• Introduction to Oil & Gas Industry
• The Future of Oil and Gas
• HSE Management in the Oil & Gas Industry
• Project and Quality Management in the Energy Industry
• Petroleum Contracts & Economics
• Impacts of Petroleum Exploration, Extraction and Transport
• Projects/Company Internship

Optional Subjects (you will choose two)
• Renewable Energy
• Environmental & Energy Management
• Risk, Safety and Governance
• Strategic Management
• Human Resource Management
• Business Continuity Management

Future Prospects
MSc Oil and Gas Management graduates are equipped with the expertise required for leadership and management in the World’s fastest growing and dynamic sector. The course will provide you with opportunities in a number of career pathways in national and multinational energy companies, consultancies, energy ministries, investment banks and international energy agencies.
Petroleum and Environmental Technology
MSc

Entry Requirements:
A good UK honours degree or an international equivalent, preferably at upper 2nd class level or above. Candidates holding the equivalent of a good 2nd class lower degree or HND holders with at least five years working experience in the energy sector may also be considered.

Course Start Date and Duration:
Start in January or September:
Full-time – 12 months;
Part-time – 24-36 months

This course provides specialist education tailored to the requirements of an integrated upstream petroleum and environmental technology industry. This sector is faced with the challenges of meeting environmental standards within the context of increasingly stringent environmental requirements across the globe.

This programme will broaden your expertise in the key areas of process, treatment, production and production optimisation methods employed within the petroleum industry and you will be recognised as an oil and gas specialist with a strong environmental bias.

Indicative Course Content
As well as studying aspects of production and processing technologies and reservoir technology and simulation you will develop skills in environmental monitoring and have the opportunity to complete an IOSH accredited health and safety certificate. Students then choose from an array of options that allows them to specialise in areas of environmental management, petroleum economics and project management. To complete the MSc you will undertake a research project on a subject of your choice or a Company Internship with a relevant organisation in the UK or overseas.

Future Prospects
The MSc Petroleum and Environmental Technology will equip graduates with the expertise required to confront the technological and environmental challenges confronting the oil and gas industry in the 21st century. Graduates can expect to be employed in areas within the chemical, environmental, renewable energy, oil and gas sectors.

Society of Petroleum Engineers
The Society of Petroleum Engineers serves as technical and professional home for over 100,000 engineers, scientists, managers and academics engaged in all aspects of the upstream oil and gas industry. It was established more 50 years ago and has members in more than 100 countries. As part of efforts to strengthen student experience through professional development activities and networking, we have recently initiated the process to create a SPE Coventry University Student Chapter. This chapter will bring together students on the MSc Oil and Gas Management, MSc Petroleum and Environmental Technology and BSc Oil, Gas and Energy Management courses and provide exposure to the oil and gas industry.
Food Security Management
MSc

Entry Requirements:

at least a Second – Class Honours degree in a relevant discipline; or other qualification (which may be an appropriate professional development qualification), or considerable relevant work experience.

Course Start Date and Duration:
Full-time – 12 months;
Part-time – 24-36 months

Food security is currently of critical concern globally and the development of food systems that can provide food of adequate quantity and quality in a sustainable way is now a research and policy priority. The MSc in ‘Food Security Management’ is designed to equip professionals and graduates with the necessary knowledge to critically analyse and assess the relationships between sustainable food production and management, agricultural systems, climate change and the environment, law and governance.

The course is run through the Centre for Agroecology and Food Security (CAFS) whose mission is to create resilient food systems worldwide. The course will provide you with the knowledge of the major agricultural production systems found in different parts of the world and the main theoretical approaches to understanding contemporary food systems. In addition you will study subjects related to the four research themes of the Centre namely.

Transition Technologies: Technologies that yield whilst ensuring food nutritional security and ecosystems health

Stabilisation Agriculture: Enhancing the ability of agriculture to withstand and respond to natural and man-made disasters

Fair Routes to Market: Enhancing livelihoods through innovative approaches to production, distribution and marketing

Food and Communities: Exploring the cultural and political dimensions of food security and sovereignty

The course is designed for a wide range of students from both the UK and overseas from a variety of different academic and professional backgrounds. Consequently, you will have the opportunity to learn not only from the academics who teach you but also from each other as part of seminars and field visits.

Indicative Course Content
The course covers a range of subject areas including:
- Food Security
- Agroecological Production Systems
- Climate Change: From Science to Sustainability
- Transition Technologies
- Organic Agriculture
- Humanitarian Theory and Practice in Disasters
- Concepts and Models of Environmental Hazards
- Environmental Energy Management
- Ecological Management and Assessment
- International Trade Law
- International Environmental Law
- Governance for Security in the Developing World
- African Governance and Human Development
- Research Design Methods

For each topic, teaching normally takes the form of one week ‘face-to-face’ contact at the university (including lectures, workshops, seminars and exercises) followed by several weeks of directed and self-directed study which may be undertaken off-campus.

Future Prospects
Equipped with a detailed understanding of food systems and a range of appropriate practical skills your potential for employment will be strong. Opportunities present themselves in national and international government agencies, non-governmental policy, research and development organisations, the private sector including food companies and the farming sector.
International Tourism Management
MA/MSc

Entry Requirements:
You should hold a good honours degree in a relevant academic discipline. Applications from candidates with relevant experience will be considered on an individual basis.

Course Start Date and Duration:
Full-time – 12 months;
Part-time – 24–36 months

International Tourism Management provides a comprehensive and advanced level introduction to the key issues relating to the tourism sector both at the national and international level. It is designed to equip students with the core business competencies required for professionals pursuing and desiring a career in the tourism sector. In addition to the mandatory specialist tourism topics, the course offers you the option to choose subjects in Business, HRM, Finance, Marketing, Strategy and Disaster Management. You will therefore have the opportunity to choose specialist topics according to their strengths, interests and preferences.

This advanced tourism course programme offers the advantage of specialist focus and training on the management requirements that underpin the travel and tourism sector. Graduates of the MSc in International Tourism Management will gain competencies in the application of management concepts, techniques and strategies for the solution of real life problems and issues in tourism management.

Indicative Course Content
The course covers a range of subject areas, such as:
- Principles of Sustainable Tourism
- Events Management
- Tourism Marketing
- International Tourism
- Tourism, Economy and Culture
- Strategic Tourism Management
- Business Continuity Management
- Statistics for Management
- International Human Resource Management
- Management Accounting for Business
- Critical Issues in Global Business
- Advertising & Public Relations

Future Prospects
The MSc in International Tourism Management aims to provide specialist training for business and public sector managers who are working in tourism or those who are seeking a professional career in the industry. It is also open to graduates in any discipline with no prior work experience who are looking for the opportunity for employment in any of the many sectors that comprise the travel and tourism sector.

For fee information please visit:
UK fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/cu/studentfunding/pg
International fees: www.coventry.ac.uk/international/fees
Emergency Planning Diploma

Entry Requirements:

Candidates will be required to provide evidence that they have the potential academic ability to complete the course. Formal academic qualifications, such as GCSE, AS Level or A Level qualifications that demonstrate literacy and numeracy will be considered. Alternatively, relevant Accredited Prior Learning (APL) and/or demonstrable experience, as a practitioner, in relevant fields will be considered as acceptable pre-entry requirements.

Course Start Date and Duration:
The course is specifically designed to meet the needs of practitioners, or aspiring practitioners, in full-time employment. Accordingly the course is delivered in four (five day block) topics within one academic year.

Coventry University was the first UK University to develop and deliver Emergency Management as an academic discipline and launched the Diploma in Emergency Planning in 2001. The course is continually revisited to take account of recent developments and the Department has recruited former emergency planning practitioners, with considerable practical experience, to help deliver the course.

Emergency planning ensures that, faced with a potential emergency or disaster, key individuals within organisations in the private, public and voluntary sector will be fully armed with the skills, knowledge and competencies necessary for an integrated, co-ordinated, effective response. Emergency Management professionals may have different job titles depending upon their specific role and the nature of their organisation. Nonetheless, the role of the Emergency Manager is pivotal, as good emergency management and planning provides these key individuals not only with an agreed set of protocols and procedures, but also with the competence, confidence and authority to take appropriate action throughout the stages of the ‘emergency’, from anticipation, assessment, prevention, preparation, mitigation and response through to recovery.

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The Undergraduate Diploma in Emergency Planning addresses all the requirements of the CCA of decades.

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The Diploma in Emergency Planning addresses all the requirements of the CCA and its associated Regulatory provisions and guidance.

Indicative Course Content

The course has recently undergone a complete revision to reflect new developments in the sector and the changing training needs of practitioners. Subjects covered include:

- The emergency planning process
- Risk assessment
- Integrated emergency management
- Business continuity management
- Plan auditing, warning and informing
- Plan testing and exercising, welfare and community recovery.

Assessment of competence is undertaken entirely by coursework assignments, with some coursework taking the form of work-based assignments. Students can also access materials to support learning, on-line, and expect a high level of support for each topic.

The first topic is delivered in the autumn term, two further topics in the spring term and

Major emergencies in the UK, such as the London Bombings of 2005, the Buncefield Oil Depot explosion and fire in 2005, the summer floods of 2007 and the Swine Flu outbreak in 2009 have reinforced the need for high levels of knowledge, skills and understanding so that their organisations can effectively fulfil their legal and moral obligations.

Those who successfully complete the course meet the national criteria for competence in technical response and operational management. In turn allowing the employing Fire and Rescue Services or aligned agencies to meet their legislative requirements. The majority of participants on these courses are sponsored by their employer. Students may opt to take the 40 credit certificate route or the 80 credit diploma route.

The component subjects have been defined at undergraduate level 2. This is deemed appropriate as it reflects the fact these are certificates/diplomas for the development of specialist skills. Entrants will have completed basic training and normally gained at least 2 years of relevant experience in the profession before choosing or being chosen to undertake specialist training. The taught component is normally delivered in one week residential blocks at Outreach or the Fire Service College. You can complete the certificate or diploma in one year or collect topics over four years. The courses are flexible. The Specialist Rescue Diploma allows you to choose up to four subjects from a choice of over 20. Many topics are offered as a 10 credit technical skills residential component with an option to “top-up” to the full 20 credit module through the completion of a work-based project.

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Specialist Rescue, Fire Service Operations or Fire Service Operations Instructor Certificate/Diploma

Indicative Course Content

Development of specialist skills in the following themes are available:

- Urban Search and Rescue
- Operational and or Incident Management
- Water Rescue
- Rope Rescue
- Casualty Management
- Instructor and Facilitation Skills.

Aimed at emergency response personnel required to develop specialist skills and perhaps deliver local training for operational response to incidents, Fire Service Operations and Fire Service Operations Instructor programmes allow subject choice from the following core themes:

- Command and Control structures and Incident Management
- Flood Response
- Hazardous Chemical Incidents
- Fire Behaviour and Ventilation
- Road Traffic Collision Response
- Urban Search and Rescue

For additional information or to apply to the Specialist Rescue Diploma please contact Julie Rogers at outreach30@btinternet.com or telephone +44 (0)1248 621 546. Visit their website at www.outreach90.co.uk

For additional information or to apply to the Fire Service Operations and Fire Service Operations Instructor programmes contact Dawn Cowley at dcowley@fireservicecollege.ac.uk or telephone +44 (0)1608 650 831 and visit their website at www.fireservicecollege.co.uk

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Student Accommodation

Coventry is well served with suitable student accommodation within the city, boasting a wide range of University owned and managed accommodation. Coventry University make every effort to offer University owned, managed or approved accommodation to all full-time, first-year students upon receipt of the full advanced licence fee deposit.

For further details please visit www.coventry.ac.uk/accommodation

Sports and Social Clubs

There are currently over 60 social and sports clubs available for students to join within Coventry University’s Students’ Union. These range from traditional team sports such as rugby, football, hockey and netball to more extreme activities like mountaineering, snow sports and skateboarding.

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Fees and Funding

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Your Postgraduate Home

Coventry University is one of the select few in the UK to provide a dedicated facility for its postgraduate students. The Graduate Centre is based in the Jaguar Building, on the main campus and close to the award-winning Lanchester Library.

The Graduate Centre is designed specifically to meet the needs of postgraduate students, having access to:

- Well equipped teaching and conference rooms
- Quiet self-catered student apartments
- Computer suites
- Cafes bar
- Social areas including a relaxing courtyard garden
- A range of FREE trips and social events are available to enhance your stay and enable you to network with other students
- Skills Workshops
- Games room and members’ lounge
- Drop-in sessions from Career Advisors
- Equipped with wireless technology, Sky TV and computer work stations

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International Student Support at Coventry University

International Students
Coming to the UK as a student can open up a whole new world, full of unique opportunities, memorable moments and life-changing experiences. The International Office team is here to help you realise this - we will answer your enquiries, make admissions decisions on your applications and support you throughout the process.

The International team is made up of multi-lingual staff, many of whom have experiences of living and studying abroad. Based in the purpose-built Student Centre on-campus, our job is to make sure your time at Coventry is enjoyable and rewarding.

We have a well developed network of support services to help and guide you during your time here. The well being of students at the University is very important to us.

As well as the International Office you will be supported by a range of expert services at the University.

Scholarships
Coventry University is delighted to welcome outstanding students to our courses. We understand that undertaking higher education overseas is a major financial decision and we offer a range of Scholarships for those students who plan to study with us including early payment, full payment, merit, country and alumni scholarships.

For more information visit www.coventry.ac.uk/international/scholarships

Pre-Sessional English Courses
All courses require students, whose English is not their first language, to have achieved the following IELTS score, or equivalent prior to entry.

- Undergraduate Years 1 and 2: 6.0
- Undergraduate Year 3: 6.5
- Postgraduate: 6.5

Coventry University offer pre-sessional English language courses for those students with an existing IELTS level of 4.5 to 5.5 (Undergraduate study) and 5.0 to 6.0 (Postgraduate study), depending on the length of course, to ensure they meet the required level for progress onto academic study at Coventry.

Pre-sessional English course lengths range from 4 to 20 weeks depending on your current English language level and chosen degree course start date and will help students to:

- Develop their academic English so that they are better prepared to cope with university-level study;
- Develop their study skills and understand what is expected of them as a student in the UK higher education system.

For further details please visit www.coventry.ac.uk/englishlanguagesupport

While you are here
The International Office, based in the Student Centre, provides support and advice to all International and EU students. Our Welfare team of International Student Advisors provide assistance on immigration, employment, finance, personal/family concerns, academic difficulties as well as organising the international induction programme and ongoing international social programme with visits to popular tourist spots within the UK. The International Office is open from Monday–Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm.

Religious Provisions
Coventry is a multi-cultural city with a harmonious blend of people from all over the world, either working and living in the city or studying. Every religion is catered for in and around the city centre either in local places of worship or at the chaplaincy on campus. The University also has multi-faith prayer rooms.

For further information visit our website www.coventry.ac.uk/international or contact our friendly International Team who will be happy to help.

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Fees and Funding
Coventry University recognises that attending university requires a significant investment financially. We pride ourselves on offering competitive tuition fees which we review on an annual basis. For further information about tuition and funding please visit: www.coventry.ac.uk/cu/studentfunding/pg
How to Apply

EU/UK Full-Time Undergraduate Applicants
Applicants must apply through the Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS) central admissions agency for British Universities, www.ucas.com. You will receive the result of your application through UCAS.

International Full-Time Undergraduate Applicants
You have three ways to apply (but only choose one).

1. Directly to Coventry University either online or using the appropriate application form. Your application will be checked quickly and you will usually receive a response by email within 2 days.

2. Through the Universities and College Admissions Service (UCAS), central admissions agency for British Universities. You will receive the result of your application through UCAS.

3. Through Coventry University local offices in China, Kenya, Nigeria and India or through representatives located in your country.

If you have any further queries please contact the International Office:

Telephone: +44 (0) 24 7688 8029
Fax: +44 (0) 24 7688 8030
Email: applications.io@coventry.ac.uk

Full-time International and EU Postgraduate Applicants
International and European students can apply for courses by email, fax, online, through one of our many representatives and agents overseas, who can advise you on the study opportunities at Coventry University and offer support with preparing to come and study at Coventry University or alternatively by post:

www.coventry.ac.uk/international/inyourcountry

Application forms are available to download or complete online at www.coventry.ac.uk/international/howtoapply

Please fully complete and return your application form, together with any supporting documents to the International Office. Supporting documents should include:

- Copies (not originals) of your graduation certificates and transcripts (any documents in a foreign language must be translated into English and certified);
- An English Language test score (IELTS/TOEFL or equivalent);
- Evidence of work experience, if required;
- One academic reference if studying and one work reference if you are working;
- A personal statement;
- Additional evidence such as a portfolio of work is required.

Please note that we will not be able to make a decision on incomplete applications.

Email: applications.io@coventry.ac.uk
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Students with Disabilities or Long-Term Health Conditions
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