Course overview
Interested in studying a Geography BSc (Hons) degree, but feel that you lack the appropriate science background or have a non-standard academic background? Our foundation year programme has been designed for you.

INTRODUCTION
Your foundation year (year zero) is spent at Carmel College, after which your studies will transfer to the main University campus. Carmel College is located in St Helens, about nine miles from the main University campus. The College offers small class sizes and high standards of academic achievement.

During your foundation year you will gain a solid grounding in a range of science subjects including geography and mathematics and will have a choice of chemistry, physics, information technology, or biology modules.

On completing the foundation year, you will choose modules from the Geography BSc (Hons) programme and be based at the main University campus, with the option to transfer onto the following programmes:
- Geology and Physical Geography BSc (Hons) (F6F8)
- Geography BA (Hons) (L700)
- Environmental Science BSc (Hons) (F750)
- Geography and Oceanography BSc (Hons) (FF78)
- Urban Planning BA (Hons) (K430)
- Environment and Planning BA (Hons) (K4L7)
- Geography and Planning BA (Hons) (L7K4)

For further information on studying a year zero programme at Carmel College, please see the Carmel College website.
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WHAT YOU’LL LEARN

- Skills needed for independent study at undergraduate degree level
- A variety of learning methods and assessment tasks
- Valuable theoretical knowledge
- Shape your degree with flexible programmes and choice of modules from year one
- Fieldwork opportunities from year one
- Socio-cultural, political, and physical landscape evident within the city region

ACCREDITATION

The Geography BSc (Hons) programme is accredited by the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG).

ROUTES

- Environment and Planning BA (Hons)
- Environmental Science BSc (Hons)
- Geography BA (Hons)
- Geography BSc (Hons)
- Geography and Oceanography BSc (Hons)
- Geography and Planning BA (Hons)
- Geology with Physical Geography BSc (Hons)
- Urban Planning BA (Hons)
Course content
Discover what you’ll learn, what you’ll study, and how you’ll be taught and assessed.

YEAR ZERO
Your first year (year zero) is based at Carmel College, St Helens, about nine miles from the main University campus. The programme, which is moderated by University staff, comprises introductory modules in geography, mathematics and one module chosen from chemistry, physics, information technology, and biology.

A programme brochure is available from Carmel College.

Programme details and modules listed are illustrative only and subject to change.

HOW YOU’LL LEARN
To help you meet the intellectual and practical challenges of studying Geography, our programmes are taught using a student centred approach, involving a range of learning experiences. These include:

- Small tutor groups (typically eight students) through all years
- High levels of field-based learning within the UK and abroad
- An emphasis on active, problem-based learning ('learning by doing')
- Hands-on experience of cutting-edge laboratory technologies in physical geography
- Innovative GIS, statistical and qualitative research methodologies and community consultation in human geography
- Supervised independent and group project work, including (for Single Honours degrees) a final year independent research-based dissertation supervised by a dedicated expert in the field.

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HOW YOU’RE ASSESSED
Assessments are designed around developing skills and styles of communication that will be relevant to future employers. So, in addition to exams and essays, you will also undertake assessments that include computer-based exercises, oral presentations, policy briefs, field projects, and research reports. Single honours Geography students complete a compulsory 10,000-word dissertation in their final year on a topic of their choice. This is your opportunity to develop skills as an independent academic researcher, supported on a one-to-one basis by an expert in the field.
LIVERPOOL HALLMARKS

We have a distinctive approach to education, the Liverpool Curriculum Framework, which focuses on research-connected teaching, active learning, and authentic assessment to ensure our students graduate as digitally fluent and confident global citizens.
Careers and employability

Geography is a subject that bridges the social and physical sciences. Those studying geography develop transferable knowledge and skills which open up a wide range of career opportunities. By the time you graduate you will have developed valuable abilities such as numeracy, literacy, laboratory skills, critical thinking, team work, project management, graphicy, geographical information systems (GIS), research design policy analysis, and more. Alongside this, the core research skills in human geography, including surveying, interviewing and innovative community liaison techniques stand students in good stead for a range of employment destinations. Likewise, the state-of-the-art laboratory techniques which our physical geographers learn, make them attractive to employers in the science and technology industries as well as environmental regulators and consultants.

90% of geography and planning students from the University of Liverpool are in work and/or further study 15 months after graduation.

Discover Uni, 2018-19.

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage students to undertake work experience and internships during the course of their degree and the tutorial programme includes sessions which help students identify what would be useful for them. In addition, our students can select a work-based dissertation, which combines the final year independent research project with a placement in industry. This provides you with the opportunity to explore an internship related to your career goals.

FIELDWORK OPPORTUNITIES

Fieldwork opportunities throughout your studies also offer the chance to work directly with a range of stakeholders from industry, the public sector and non-Barcelona, Iceland, Lorca (Spain), Portugal and, closer to home, cities such as Glasgow, Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh, as well as the Lake District and mid-Wales. There is
governmental organisations. From your first week to your final year, field classes are an integral part of your learning. Destinations include Santa Cruz (California), Toronto, also the opportunity to undertake your final year dissertation fieldwork abroad.

**PREPARING YOU FOR FUTURE SUCCESS**

At Liverpool, our goal is to support you to build your intellectual, social, and cultural capital so that you graduate as a socially-conscious global citizen who is prepared for future success. We achieve this by:

- Embedding employability within your curriculum, through the modules you take and the opportunities to gain real-world experience offered by many of our courses.
- Providing you with opportunities to gain experience and develop connections with people and organisations, including student and graduate employers as well as our global alumni.
- Providing you with the latest tools and skills to thrive in a competitive world, including access to Handshake, a platform which allows you to create your personalised job shortlist and apply with ease.
- Supporting you through our peer-to-peer led Careers Studio, where our career coaches provide you with tailored advice and support.
Fees and funding
Your tuition fees, funding your studies, and other costs to consider.

TUITION FEES

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International fees

This course is not available to international students.

Following the foundation years, standard course fees apply.

Fees stated are for the 2023-24 academic year and may rise for 2024-25.

Tuition fees cover the cost of your teaching and assessment, operating facilities such as libraries, IT equipment, and access to academic and personal support. Learn more about tuition fees, funding and student finance.

ADDITIONAL COSTS

We understand that budgeting for your time at university is important, and we want to make sure you understand any course-related costs that are not covered by your tuition fee. For Geography students, the cost of compulsory field classes and laboratory work is included, but additional costs such as a laptop, books, or equipment should be considered. Optional field classes in year three will incur additional costs ranging from approximately £800–£1300 depending on location.

Find out more about the additional study costs that may apply to this course.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

We offer a range of scholarships and bursaries to help cover tuition fees and help with living expenses while at university.

Scholarships and bursaries you can apply for from the United Kingdom
# Entry requirements

The qualifications and exam results you'll need to apply for this course.

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## A levels

A typical offer is likely to be CDD at A level, in related subjects. Students with alternative A level combinations are welcome to apply but should expect to be made higher offers. For further information, visit www.carmel.ac.uk, email degree@carmel.ac.uk or telephone +44 (0)1744 452 213. Applicants over 21 can be considered on GCSEs alone.

You may automatically qualify for reduced entry requirements through our [contextual offers scheme](http://www.carmel.ac.uk)!

## GCSE

All applicants must have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C/4 or above, including English Language, Mathematics and two Sciences (any two of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, or Core and Additional Science/Dual Science acceptable). Applicants over 21 can be considered on GCSEs alone.

## International qualifications

Many countries have a different education system to that of the UK, meaning your qualifications may not meet our direct entry requirements. Although there is no direct Foundation Certificate route to this course, completing a Foundation Certificate, such as that offered by the [University of Liverpool International College](http://www.UniversityofLiverpoolInternationalCollege.com), can guarantee you a place on a number of similar courses which may interest you.

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**ALTERNATIVE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- If your qualification isn't listed here, or you're taking a combination of qualifications, contact us for advice
- Applications from mature students are welcome.