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Degree studied:
MSc Environmental Health

Year of graduation:
2012 (Awarded MSc Environmental Health with Merit)

Why did you choose to study this particular course at Strathclyde University?

I chose the MSc Environmental Health programme at Strathclyde, due to the diverse nature of the modules available on the course, which was just what I was looking for.

I was aware the environment could influence health; this however was mostly with respect to hygiene concerns, and global warming, but after watching “Erin Brockovich”, I knew that abuse to the environment could have far reaching impacts on health. This movie stirred my career interest to be a professional in a field that has relevant and practical application to human health protection. The MSc programme in Environmental Health at Strathclyde offers a direct path towards this interest.

I had a first degree in Microbiology, and wanted to study an environment related course that would both complement my academic background, and also offer a wide employment potential upon completion.

Embarking on my research project, in which I assessed the role of manure in contaminating food plants with antibiotic resistant bacteria, was initially difficult, however I received so much support from my supervisor, the project seemed very easy.

Which course modules did you particularly enjoy?

I found all of the modules very relevant and enjoyable, and the teaching methods made understanding the concept of each module easy to comprehend. I like the approach used for the “Contaminated Land” classes, I particularly enjoyed, and found very useful Air Pollution, Climate Change & Human Health and I had the best time on my project. The department is well organized, the lecturers are eager to listen to you (even outside class rooms), and are willing to share their knowledge and expertise with you. I have learnt so much within a short period on the course.

What are you doing now and what are your plans for the future?

My training on the course has got me more interested in understanding how the environment influences human health; I am now looking to continue doctoral study in Environmental Health Sciences soon.