My third-year Feminist Geographies module has been a unique way of studying geography. Feminist Geographies involve more than the study of women—they challenge division between race, sexuality, culture, and age, as well as between genders. Looking at the world through these divisions helps us to learn more about their influence on how humans interact with other humans and the environment to form relationships.

This module brings a new and unexpected side to geography by studying daily activities in more depth, such as the action of caring. This has involved discussing how gender, age, spaces, and distance can influence how we care for others. One case study we discussed was the difficulty of migrant nannies in caring for their clients’ children, whilst also having to care for their own children at a distance who are left behind in the nanny’s origin country. This led us to consider how conflicting cultures of migrant nannies and physical geography can impact relationships of care, as well as the influence of communication technologies, such as Zoom, in helping us to care for those who are far away.

Geography is a gripping subject as it makes you think about the simplest parts of your daily life in new ways. The benefit of studying geography at university is the ability to shape your work towards what interests you most. For example, in one essay I was able to analyse the influence of technology on the relationship between a couple in one of my favourite Netflix series!