

Meg Jones
Geographies of Crisis

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My first-year module **Geographies of Crisis** was a module that challenged my perceptions of what I consider as geography, because going into my degree I thought my studies would focus heavily on traditional geographic topics surrounding the environment. As part of the Geographies of Crisis module I learnt about a range of contemporary crises from financial to obesity, in which I was challenged to think analytically about the causes, consequences and solutions to these crises and the ways they differ socially, spatially and temporally. Considering the differential impacts of crises, as well as how they are affected by the interconnectedness of the modern world, were ideas that were at the heart of essays for the module. The obesity crisis in particular was an element I never considered particularly geographic, yet it has possibly inspired the route of my dissertation, for which I'm interested in exploring the link that diet and agriculture could play in climate change solutions.

Geography at university teaches you to think critically about the world around you and exposes you to the inherent geographic nature of many contemporary issues. The breadth of the subject provides you with the opportunity to explore your vast range of interests, but also discover new and exciting branches of the field you never expected.