First Year Field Class
Assessed field techniques 1 EASC053H5

The objectives of the first year field class are to teach essential field skills including identification of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks in the field. Recording field data on maps and field note books. Collection of structural and stratigraphic information, measurement of dip and strike, and basic geological mapping.

The venue for the field class alternates between Pembrokeshire in south Wales and the Isle of Skye in Scotland.

The field classes are held around Easter time each year and last for ten days. They are compulsory for BSc Geology and BSc Environmental Geology students and optional for BSc Earth Science and BSc Planetary Science with Astronomy.

Students learning geological mapping skills in the Isle of Skye Scotland (photo M Iqbal)

Outcrops of Devonian Old Red Sandstone on the Pembrokeshire coast south of Milford Haven (photo C Bristow)