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Carbon-neutral degree seeks to give graduates green skills

A degree programme that aims to be the greenest available will seek to equip graduates from around the world with the skills to tackle climate change.

Organisers of the online MSc in Carbon Management at the University of Edinburgh aim to provide students with world class learning through lessons that have no carbon footprint.

The virtual delivery of lessons means no greenhouse gas emissions are generated by students travelling to classes. In addition, course leaders will offset the carbon footprint of computers used by staff and students on the programme, to cut its carbon impact to zero.

The three-year taught programme aims to equip students with knowledge, skills and training in the business, economics and science of climate change.

It will be taught by world experts in climate change and carbon management, and is aimed at graduates in business, science and the humanities who want an advanced academic qualification. Graduates of the programme are expected to work in consultancy, research and project development or as policy advisors to governments and industry.

Students can devise programmes suited to their own interests and ambitions by choosing individual research projects. The online delivery is designed to enable students anywhere in the world to balance study with other commitments.

Professor Dave Reay of the University of Edinburgh's School of GeoSciences, who is Programme Director for the online MSc, said: "Businesses, industries and governments together have the power to tackle climate change.

"Skilled graduates who understand how to make decisions that are good for society and good for the environment can help make rapid and effective progress on this globally important issue. We hope this degree can have a positive impact on the environment from day one."

Emissions are calculated using methodology published in the journal Carbon Management in 2011. Carbon offsets are bought from the Edinburgh charity Plan Vivo Foundation.

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