



Module Specification

Environmental Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Environmental Law

Module code: UJUUE-30-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Not in use for Modules

Field: Law Undergraduate (Programmes)

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Module Entry Requirements: 90 credits acceptable to the award on which the student is registered of which at least 30 credits must be credits from law modules

Educational aims: In addition to the learning outcomes, the educational experience may explore, develop, and practise but not formally discretely assess:

The student's personal experience of environmental problems, including the values which guide students in their day to day approach to the environment.

The student's scope for helping with community solutions to environmental problems, including through pro bono advice.

An understanding of rigour and originality in environmental law scholarship.

Outline syllabus: Historical background to UK environmental law

Principles of environmental law

Regulatory approaches – criminal administrative, economic instruments, private law, human rights based approaches.

Substantive common law (negligence, nuisance, public trust doctrine)

Statutory climate change law

Statutory pollution control law

Statutory nature conservation law

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Scheduled learning includes lectures, seminars, tutorials, project supervision, demonstration, practical classes and workshops; fieldwork; external visits; work based learning; supervised time in workshops.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study

preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc.

There will be a two hour workshop each week, supplemented by extended essay supervision, presentation guidance and other support.

There will be 4 - 6 hours per week preparation for/reflection on weekly workshop.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Examine leading areas of common law environmental protection

MO2 Discuss the principal fields of UK statutory pollution control law

MO3 Examine UK statutory nature conservation law

MO4 Evaluate the principle of sustainable development as applied to law and practice

MO5 Identify and analyse key issues relating to compliance with UK criminal administrative environmental laws

MO6 Identify and analyse key issues relating to access to environmental justice in England and Wales

MO7 Situate modern law in its historical context

MO8 Discuss basic theoretical perspectives on law and the environment, including 'earth jurisprudence' and natural law theory

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujuuje-30-2.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ujuuje-30-2.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The course is assessed by means of a piece of coursework – an extended essay, and a case analysis assignment. Each aims to assess a specific issue in the wider context of the module as a whole, encouraging connections across areas to be made.

The assessment criteria relate to clarity of expression in demonstrating the learning outcomes specified at the outset of the specification.

Assessment task A is the extended essay, 2500 words (60% of module mark)

Assessment task B is a Case Analysis, 1500 words (40% of module mark)

Assessment components:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Case analysis

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7, MO8

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7, MO8

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Case Analysis

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7, MO8

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6, MO7, MO8

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Law with Business [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Law [UCW] LLB (Hons) 2022-23

Law {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Business {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Business {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22