






MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Wildlife Crime and Forensics		
Module Code	USSKNT-15-3	Level	3
For implementation from	September 2019		
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5
Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Applied Sciences
Department	Department of Applied Sciences		
Contributes towards	BSc (Hons) Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Science (with Foundation Year), BSc (Hons) Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Science, MSci Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Science, MSci Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Science (with Foundation Year), BSc (Hons) Integrated Wildlife Conservation		
Module type:	Project		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description		
<p>This module provides an overview of contemporary wildlife crime that threatens species and ecosystems and the available scientific approaches used in investigating wildlife crime. Taught elements of the course will include principles of forensic investigations, effects of wildlife crime on the conservation of species and habitats, national and international legislation and forensic tools to combat wildlife crime (e.g., wildlife pathology, molecular, chemical and morphological methods). There will also be a site visit to complement the theory covered during lectures.</p>		
Part 3: Assessment: Strategy and Details		
<p>The Assessment Strategy has been designed to support and enhance the development of both subject-based and employability skills, whilst ensuring that the modules Learning Outcomes are attained, as described below. The assessments are designed to underpin students' learning and skills acquisition in the module and to provide for learning beyond the material delivered in the classroom.</p> <p>The assessment consists of two wildlife crime case studies- one international and one UK based. Students will synthesise material from the taught course to critically discuss the drivers for and potential ecological impacts of these diverse wildlife crimes, identify the applicable legislation, and critically evaluate the scientific methodologies and other initiatives used to investigate and prosecute these in these cases.</p>		
Identify final timetabled piece of assessment (component and element)	Component A	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:

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1. Wildlife Crime Case Study Portfolio (3000 words)	100																																	
Component B Description of each element	Element weighting																																	
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Part 4: Learning Outcomes & KIS Data																																		
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critically evaluate the realised and potential role of forensic science, legislation and community-based initiatives in the prevention and prosecution of wildlife crimes (Component A). Demonstrate advanced understanding of wildlife crime legislation at the national and international levels and existing bodies overseeing their execution (Component A) Critically review contemporary wildlife crime and understand how they are threatening species and ecosystems (Component A) Understand in-depth the drivers and nature of national and international wildlife crime (Component A). 																																	
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Contact Hours	<p>The table below indicates as a percentage the total assessment of the module which constitutes a;</p> <p>Control conditions: Unseen written Exam Coursework: Written assignment (2500 words)</p>																																	

Total Assessment	Written exam assessment percentage				
	Coursework				100%
					100%
Reading List	https://uwe.rl.talis.com/lists/ED2F5AA7-4BD7-7C19-D13F-991C991E0BAF.html				

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