



## **Module Specification**

### **Green Criminology: Environment, Crime and Justice**

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## Part 1: Information

**Module title:** Green Criminology: Environment, Crime and Justice

**Module code:** UZSKFV-15-3

**Level:** Level 6

**For implementation from:** 2023-24

**UWE credit rating:** 15

**ECTS credit rating:** 7.5

**Faculty:** Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

**Department:** HAS Dept of Social Sciences

**Partner institutions:** None

**Field:** Sociology and Criminology

**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:** Not applicable

**Educational aims:** It's criminal what we are doing to the environment! We live in an era of profound and globalised environmental harm. Green criminology is concerned with understanding environmental harm through a criminological lens. The discipline of green criminology might ask questions around what forms of harm are being done

to the environment, and where, by whom, to what effect, and with what consequences and responses. Whilst these questions have direct and important implications for how we think about the environment as a subject of criminal justice, they also beg further, broader and deeper questions regarding humans' relationship to nature, and the underlying economic, political, social and cultural determinants of humans' (ab)uses of the natural world (including amongst other things pollution, species injustice, biodiversity loss). In a context of ecological crisis, and with the imperative of establishing a sustainable relationship to the natural world, the need for green criminology has never been more urgent.

**Outline syllabus:** Indicative content includes:

Understanding the Ecological Crisis, and its Criminological Dimensions

Green Criminology – Theories, Concepts and Issues

Understanding the Causes of Environmental Crime

Ecological Justice and Ecocide

Climate-related Conflict (from resource wars to climate migration)

Species Injustice – Harm and Rights

Biodiversity Loss as a Crime

Pollution and Waste as a Crime

Environmental Politics

Environmental Law and Regulation

Environmental Crime Prevention

### Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

**Teaching and learning methods:** The module will be taught via weekly lectures, and will combine lectures, seminars, workshops, visits, field trips, and on-line learning in a stimulating mix of learning opportunity. The module feeds into a rapidly growing ecological and sustainability sector expected to become an important destination for social science graduates.

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

**MO1** Critically interrogate and selectively apply key theoretical and conceptual tools for the understanding of environmental harm.

**MO2** Explore and evaluate the role played by the economic, political, social and cultural drivers of environmental harm

**MO3** Critically examine selected issues of crime and justice in the context of environmental harm

**MO4** Evaluate and utilise empirical evidence, supported by relevant theoretical and conceptual framing, in producing a polished and well-presented case study-focussed report on an aspect of environmental crime.

**Hours to be allocated:** 150

**Contact hours:**

Independent study/self-guided study = 114 hours

Face-to-face learning = 36 hours

Total = 150

**Reading list:** The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://readinglists.uwe.ac.uk) via the following link

<https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/8AFC6EA7-0C0A-0F05-9DA6-7AC70685298F.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

### Part 4: Assessment

**Assessment strategy:** The module has one part of summative assessment in the form of an end-of-module 2500 word report (Assessment part A). The assessment will support the student in achieving all module learning outcomes and will be an effective test of this achievement.

The report format has been selected for its fit to the topic-focus of the module, but also for its fit to the kinds of outputs associated with the field of employment and activism in the arena of environment and sustainability. A report will serve, in addition to its facility to test the student's achievement of the module learning outcomes, as an output to demonstrate to future stakeholders (including potential employers) the student's skills in producing outputs with real-world impact and relevance. Through the bespoke nature of the assessment and topic focus, students will have the opportunity to produce original and innovative work.

The module is formatively assessed via the submission of a detailed plan of the summative assessment, and subsequent receipt of feedback, 4 weeks before the latter's submission.

**Assessment tasks:**

**Report (First Sit)**

Description: 2500 word report

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

**Report (Resit)**

Description: 2500 word report

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

## Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Criminology and Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology with Law [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Law with Criminology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] LLB (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BA (Hons) 2021-22

Criminology and Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Law with Criminology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology with Law [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology with Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Law {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Law with Criminology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] LLB (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2020-21

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology and Sociology {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2019-20

Criminology and Sociology [Sep][PT][Frenchay][6yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19