



Module Specification

Health, Safety and Risk

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Health, Safety and Risk

Module code: UZVYBC-30-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: University Centre Weston

Field: Health, Community and Policy Studies

Module type: Standard

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: This module explores threats to the health, safety and welfare of employees in different work settings and under varying circumstances. You will develop your capacity to undertake risk assessments and devise appropriate risk management strategies, with reference to appropriate legislation and guidance.

Outline syllabus: Over the course of the module, you will broadly cover the following content:

The requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, secondary legislation made under the Act and other laws applicable to occupational health and safety;

Developing and auditing risk assessments;

Develop a detailed understanding of the legislative framework for health and safety and the importance of specialist resources such as Approved Codes of Practice and Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidelines in determining the most appropriate course of action for managing risk. You will apply your knowledge of legislation to real life scenarios;

Explore the principles of hazard identification, risk assessment and associated risk management tools;

Identify hazards and assess risks in a variety of situations, carrying out safety inspections and audits of workplaces;

Study the processes involved in accident and incident investigations;

Appraise the benefits of involving stakeholders in the health and safety decision-making process;

Explore the role, scope and impact of partnership working in relation to the management, enforcement and development of strategies concerning health and safety hazards;

Explore the factors which determine the beliefs, perceptions and values that employees share in relation to health and safety risks within an organization ('safety culture').

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: This module will be delivered using a variety of techniques requiring you to utilise and further develop your skills in independent learning. You will be provided with student centred active learning consisting of a mixture of lectures, workshops, quizzes and tutorials will be supported by on-line material. Field trips and appropriate alternatives will support the learning.

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

MO1 Evaluate occupational health, safety and welfare risks in different settings, utilising risk assessment techniques

MO2 Evaluate the efficacy of a range of risk management strategies and enforcement tools by reference to legislation, statutory and non-statutory guidance

MO3 Evaluate the role and significance of audits, inspections and accident investigations in protecting workers from occupational hazard

MO4 Appraise evidence relating to the impact of occupational hazards on individuals, organisations and the wider economy, enabling the development of policy solutions

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

Total = 300

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

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The Assessment Strategy has been designed to support and enhance the development of both subject-based and generic key skills, whilst ensuring that the Learning Outcomes are achieved.

Assessment task A – Examination:

An unseen exam featuring a set of questions designed to allow students to apply fundamental concepts of their academic study.

Assessment task B – Essay (2000 words):

Assessment task B will consist of a 2000 word written theory-based assignment which will address a contemporary challenge to reducing health and safety risk in the workplace. The ability to exert influence on policy makers, industry and members of the public is a key skill in environmental health practice and therefore, the assignment will be concerned with the critical evaluation of a topical issue that impacts on human health. You will be required to analyse alternative perspectives, synthesise ideas and advocate original solutions to a particular health and safety challenge.

Opportunities for formative activities and feedback are built into teaching sessions, through discussion and evaluation of current research and professional developments. This assessment will provide a valuable learning experience through independent research of published literature and development of an academic writing style.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay (2000 words)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO4

Examination (First Sit)

Description: Written Examination (2 hours)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay (2000 words)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO4

Examination (Resit)

Description: Written Examination (2 hours)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Public and Environmental Health [UCW] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Public and Environmental Health [Sep][FT][UCW][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Environmental Health Practitioner {Apprenticeship-UCW} [Sep][FT][UCW][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Public and Environmental Health [Sep][PT][UCW][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

