



Module Specification

Risk Management Systems

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Risk Management Systems

Module code: UZVYBJ-30-3

Level: Level 6

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: 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: This module explores the various environmental health risks faced by organisations and the legal, financial and reputational costs of non-compliance with regulatory requirements. It builds on modules delivered at level 2 with a regulatory emphasis by focusing on the commercial side of risk management,

exploring the various private voluntary standards and risk management systems adopted by organisations to mitigate risk.

Outline syllabus: The module explores:

The importance of holistic business risk management and corporate governance in mitigating risk;

The role of risk management systems in managing organisational risk, taking a look at a wide range of national and international standards and sector specific frameworks;

The increase in private voluntary standards (e.g. private food standards) and market entry implications for business;

The different role of audits in ensuring compliance with legal and private voluntary standards;

Procedures for undertaking accident/incident investigations;

Accident causality, including the role of human factors.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: See Assessment Strategy

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

MO1 Critically evaluate how decisions taken by organisations regarding occupational health & safety and other areas of environmental health can impact commercial interests

MO2 Critically evaluate the role of holistic business risk management and corporate governance procedures in helping organisations achieve effective internal control of environmental health risks

MO3 Critically analyse the utility and efficacy of risk management systems used by organisations to manage environmental health risks, including national and international standards, in-house standards and sector specific frameworks

MO4 Critically evaluate the role of audits in ensuring compliance with regulatory standards and private voluntary standards

MO5 Critically evaluate the role of human factors in workplace accidents/incidents

MO6 Critically evaluate the utility of accident/incident investigations and the importance of taking a methodical, structured approach to information gathering, collation and critical analysis

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 – Defended Poster:

Students will be asked to present and defend a poster which critically evaluates the relative merits/demerits of one or more environmental health risk management systems. Ten minutes of the available twenty minutes is used for questions.

Assessment task B – Essay:

This assignment will explore how lessons learned from accident/incident investigations can inform the enhancement of risk management systems, improve human performance, personal safety and loss control.

Students are able to discuss formative work and obtain feedback in assignment tutorials within the module.

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay (2000 words)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO5, MO6

Poster (First Sit)

Description: Defended Poster (20 minutes)

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay (2000 words)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO5, MO6

Poster (Resit)

Description: Defended Poster (20 minutes)

Weighting: 60 %

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:

Public and Environmental Health [Sep][FT][UCW][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Environmental Health Practitioner {Apprenticeship-UCW} [Sep][FT][UCW][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21

Public and Environmental Health [Sep][PT][UCW][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2020-21