



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Biogeography and Conservation		
Module Code	UBGMJT-30-3	Level	Level 6
For implementation from	2020-21		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Faculty of Environment & Technology	Field	Geography and Environmental Management
Department	FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	Ecology 2020-21		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Features: Module Entry Requirements: 60 credits at level 2</p> <p>Educational Aims: This module aims to develop students' understanding of the geographic distributions of organisms and the ecological and evolutionary forces that dictate where organisms live. It examines the theoretical application of biogeographical principles to conservation planning and management, and develops a working knowledge of techniques and skills used in producing a conservation management plan. The module allows students to apply their biogeographical knowledge and understanding to conservation practice.</p> <p>In addition the educational experience may explore, develop, and practise but not formally assess the following:</p> <p>Small group negotiation and problem-solving</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: Themes include:</p> <p>Examination of at least two global ecosystem types: distribution, animal and plant adaptations, community organisation, environmental and species diversity, threats and management.</p>

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Historical biogeography: processes producing species distribution patterns

Approaches to nature conservation in the UK and abroad: theories and practice

Management options for key UK habitats

Site management planning for conservation

Quantitative methods of site investigation: techniques for sampling, surveying, monitoring and analysing vegetation

Teaching and Learning Methods: Scheduled learning on this module includes lectures (supported by the module web-site), which are used to establish the discipline context and key definitions/concepts. Practical workshops and field work sessions aid skills development. Through the tasks and activities provided, learners will build upon the fundamental concepts covered in the lectures and start applying new understanding.

Independent learning includes time engaged with essential reading, undertaking tutor-guided formative exercises that are integral to the course programme, and assessment preparation and completion.

Contact Hours:

Students will receive on average 3 hours contact time per week. This will be in a range of formats, including lectures, workshop or seminar sessions, fieldwork and support via electronic means (email and Blackboard communication).

The amount of time spent on activities in this module is shown below:

Activity:

Contact time: 72 hours

Assimilation and development of knowledge: 150 hours

Exam preparation: 0 hours

Coursework preparation: 78 hours

Total study time: 300 hours

Part 3: Assessment

The assessment strategy is built on the premise of assessment for learning. Formative exercises including i) practical exercises in seminars developing the application of lecture material in the context of wider ecological debate and ii) coursework feedback sessions to help students progress their assignments. The knowledge and understanding gained in teaching block 1 and its associated summative and formative assessment is then applied, supported by scheduled tutorials, to the development of a conservation management plan. Such a progressive assessment strategy allows self-pacing according to a number of learner styles and is accessible to a diversity of learners.

Summative Assessment:

Component A - 3000 word equivalent Journal Article:

Component A will be assessed via a written assignment which will test understanding of theory, concepts and processes.

Component B - 3000 word equivalent Management Plan for a local site of nature conservation interest:

Component B will require the utilisation of field survey data and knowledge of nature conservation theory and practice in order to produce an individual site management plan.

Formative work:

Formative feedback will be provided to students via established formative exercises with tutor feedback and through scheduled management plan tutorials built into the lecture/practical programme.

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Written Assignment - Component B	✓	50 %	Management plan (3000 words)
Written Assignment - Component A		50 %	Journal Article (3000 words equivalent)
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Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods																	
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	Hours to be allocated	300
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Reading List	<i>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</i> https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubgmjt-30-3.html	

Part 5: Contributes Towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Geography [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19