



Module Specification

Climate and Environmental Justice

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Climate and Environmental Justice

Module code: UBGLE1-15-2

Level: Level 5

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt

Partner institutions: None

Field: Geography and Environmental Management

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: Yes

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The unit aims are:

- to examine inequalities in environments and disparate burdens, including in relation to climate change;

- to consider the intersection of social justice and environmental issues;
- to develop skills related to participation in community-driven environmental justice projects using both practical and theoretical lenses.

Outline syllabus: Climate and Environmental Justice

This unit examines the intersection of environmental issues, social justice, and public policy. It responds to a gradual but growing acceptance among governments and the general public of the need for more environmentally harmonious societies and the failure of traditional development paths to meet a number of basic human needs.

The unit recognises that many of the challenges posed by environmental risks relate to inequalities within societies and between the global North and South. Therefore, it focuses on multiple scales from the very local to the global.

The module considers the political-economic context of environmental challenges in terms of values, contexts, paradigms, strategies, discourses and concepts. It may question some of our fundamental assumptions about the causes of environmental degradation and the possible solutions. We will discuss a number of responses by which such challenges are being met in a range of different socio-economic systems within the Global North and the South.

This unit will help students to integrate thinking about social and environmental issues by exploring foundational concepts, values and perspectives as well as implications for policy. It will also explore ethical issues relating to environmental sustainability and social well-being from a global perspective - environmental injustice and human need.

Topics include:

1. International environmental and climate justice - concepts and issues
2. Environmental justice and political ecology
3. Campaign tools for environmental justice
4. Public policy and environmental and climate justice
5. Participatory environmental decision making and procedural justice
6. Gender and environmental injustice

7. Energy and technology justice
8. Resilience, equalities and overcoming barriers to transition
9. Trade Union approaches to environmental and climate justice
10. Market environmentalism - Green Economy/GreenGrowth
11. Eco-socialism - Living Well and other alternatives
12. Deep green, degrowth and the ecological state
13. Social class and the environment

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The course uses readings, video, reflection, discussion, online research and resources, written work, peer review, and community-engaged learning to achieve learning objectives.

Reading list (to be reviewed):

<https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/562A28E9-E7BC-15F4-2FC0-B0DEC204AB01.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

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

MO1 Understand how to campaign and advocate for environmental and climate justice

MO2 Examine local, national and international examples of environmental injustice

MO3 Assess the political and economic structures that maintain environmental and social inequities

MO4 Evaluate sustainability as a tool to promote justice and equality for all populations

MO5 Reflect on participation in community-driven environmental justice projects using both practical and theoretical lenses

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 72

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/562A28E9-E7BC-15F4-2FC0-B0DEC204AB01.html?lang=en-GB&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/562A28E9-E7BC-15F4-2FC0-B0DEC204AB01.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: These assessments have been designed to be very relevant to the topic of climate and environmental justice - employment in this area will require the skills developed. The campaign and presentation skills are also useful across the broader range of geography and environmental management vocations.

Marks allocated in the group assessment are explained in the assessment section of this form and the module assessment brief. Marks will be given individually.

Portfolio - Group work. Develop materials for a campaign aimed to impact on an environmental or climate justice issue. Compile a portfolio of elements related to a topic of your choice. They can include, but are not limited to: a campaign plan; a short video; a petition; a letter to CEOs, MPs.

Presentation - Group work. The seminar presentations will normally be assessed as small group work. Presentation slots last for 20 minutes which includes 5-10 minutes for questions i.e. the presentation itself should be between 10 and 15 minutes long.

Student groups may choose their own seminar title and topic, but this must be agreed with the course staff in the seminar tutorials leading up to the presentations. The topic must be relevant to the module's key themes and/or overarching subject. Presentation marks will be assigned based on aspects such as breadth and depth of

relevant research; Quality of material produced; References, etc, as detailed in the assessment brief.

In the group work, if either the assessor, or members of the team are unhappy with the contribution of an individual student, then that individual may be given a lower mark than the other group member(s).

Resit Portfolio: The resit will also be group work, to the same brief as above. The marking tutor may decide the resit is either a full resubmission of the group, an individual appendix to a first sit group, or as part of a new group formed for the resit.

Resit Presentation: This group presentation will be to a similar brief to that described above, which may include some topic changes. The marking tutor may decide the resit is either a full resubmission of the group, an individual appendix to a first sit group, or as part of a new group formed for the resit.

Plagiarism will be designed out through the multi-faceted aspects of the assessment e.g. the campaign materials will provide triangulated evidence of full understanding of issues. Suspected plagiarism will be thoroughly investigated.

Formative assessment opportunities will be available via direct feedback during weekly class activities e.g. encouraging groups to work together and present their answers to questions set.

Assessment tasks:

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: Group Presentation (20 minutes)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO3, MO4, MO5

Portfolio (First Sit)

Description: Group Portfolio

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Presentation (Resit)

Description: Group Prestation (20 minutes)

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO3, MO4, MO5

Portfolio (Resit)

Description: Group Portfolio

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: Yes

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Environmental Management [Frenchay] BSc (Hons) 2022-23

Geography [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Environmental Management {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] - Not Running
BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Environmental Management {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] - Not Running
BSc (Hons) 2021-22