

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Contemporary Social and Green Issues
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
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Academic Level: FHEQ4 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 39
Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 161

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Tutorial	6
Workshop	11

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Portfolio	AS1	2000 Word Workshop Based Portfolio	50	
Essay	AS2	2000 Word Essay	50	

Aims

1. To demonstrate the value of diverse sociological approaches to the study of contemporary social and environmental issues.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate the use of a sociological approach to explore a specific social or green issue.
- 2 Demonstrate awareness of critical challenges to 'common-sense' assumptions on social and green issues.
- 3 Assess competing sociological perspectives on social and green issues.
- 4 Evaluate sociological evidence on social and green issues.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Portfolio	1	2
Essay	3	4

Outline Syllabus

Exploration of social and environmental issues of prominence and interest at the time the module is taught utilising sociological analysis and imagination. A diversity of perspectives of modern life will be explored, with particular emphasis on those that challenge 'common-sense assumptions'.

Topics which may be explored will vary and will include those such as: global green issues, environmental problems and prospects, 'climate chaos', poverty and inequality in the UK, stigmatisation of disabled people, food policy and problems, supermarket dominance, mental health issues, the arms industry, corporate power, sexuality, housing and homelessness, human-animal relations.

Learning Activities

Students will attend lectures to stimulate interest and provide information and workshops to allow active learning and debate. Tutorial support will also be available after sessions.

Notes

In this module we shall examine contemporary social and environmental issues of prominence to demonstrate the contribution of different sociological approaches to our understanding. It will become apparent that a key strength of sociology is its diverse and challenging interpretations of social and green issues.