

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: RECREATIONAL ECOLOGY & ADVENTURE TOURISM  
Status: Definitive  
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Owning School/Faculty: Sports Studies, Leisure and Nutrition  
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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6  
**Credit Value:** 12  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 3  
**Total Learning Hours:** 120  
**Private Study:** 117

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	2

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	AS1	Examination: 34% examination 1(hr)	34	1
Essay	AS2	Coursework: 33% Essay - 1000 words	33	
Essay	AS3	Coursework: 33% Assessed seminar	33	

### Aims

*This module aims to give students an understanding of the development of outdoor recreation and adventure tourism and its place within the tourist industry. It also aims to give students the ability to understand the ecological impact of these activities in Britain and in the world's high mountain and wilderness areas, an understanding of the ways in which this recreation needs to be effectively managed*

*(resource and visitor management frameworks, strategies and actions for minimizing recreational impacts and understanding and analysis of the impact of global warming on adventure tourism in high mountain and wilderness areas.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 critically review how outdoor recreation, ecotourism and adventure tourism have grown and are managed;
- 2 evaluate the environmental problems associated with outdoor recreation and understand the need for, and approaches to, recreational management;
- 3 critically synthesise the problems associated with adventure tourism in high mountains and wilderness areas and the ways of effectively managing this tourism;
- 4 evaluate the concept of sustainable tourism and the need for this in high mountain and wilderness areas;
- 5 critically analyse the nature and development of the adventure tourism sector of the tourist industry and the work of the agencies involved;
- 6 synthesise the scale and economic contribution of the adventure tourist industry and the conflicts involved.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

EXAM	1	2	3	4	6
Essay	2	3	4	5	
Assessed Seminar	2	3	4	5	6

## **Outline Syllabus**

*The growth and development of outdoor recreation, ecotourism and adventure tourism and the conflicts this involves. Ecological impact of outdoor recreation; carrying capacities; trampling pressures including mechanical forces, impact on soils (water, temperature, litter and organic content, bulk density, porosity, penetrability, nutrients), impact on vegetation (changes in cover, biomass, height and structure, productivity, diversity, physiology); plant strategies and regeneration of communities; footpath erosion, restoration and management (Lake District, Snowdonia, Yorkshire Dales and Pennine Way); impact of footwear; experimental techniques. The role of heritage coasts, National Parks and country parks in outdoor recreational management; Ecological impact of outdoor pursuits and the management techniques for these pursuits to counteract problems e.g. climbing, pony trekking, gorge walking, angling, orienteering; Impact on bird populations of outdoor recreation; Ecological impact of adventure tourism in high mountain and wilderness areas; e.g. trekking in*

*the Himalayas, tourism in the Arctic and Antarctic; Sustainable tourism; the impact of global warming in high mountain and wilderness areas*

### **Learning Activities**

Lectures, seminars. Seminar and coursework preparation.

### **Notes**

This module provides students with an understanding of the contribution of outdoor recreation and adventure tourism to the tourism industry and the conflicts this leads to. Students will have the knowledge and ability to evaluate how outdoor recreation and adventure tourism can affect the natural environment and suggests ways of successful management of this recreation in Britain, high mountain and wilderness areas.