

School / Faculty: Faculty of Education and Arts

Course Title: ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

Course ID: SOCIO3736

Credit Points: 15.00

Prerequisite(s): (Two Intermediate (Level 2000) Sociology Courses)

Co-requisite(s): Nil

Exclusion(s): (ATSGC2736 and ATSGC3736 and SOCIO2736)

ASCED Code: 090301

Grading Scheme: Graded (HD, D, C, etc.)

Program Level:

AQF Level of Program						
	5	6	7	8	9	10
Level						
Introductory	■	■	■	■	■	■
Intermediate	■	■	■	■	■	■
Advanced	■	■	✓	■	■	■

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge:

- K1.** Appraise theoretical and conceptual frameworks for the analysis of contemporary environmental issues at advanced level
- K2.** Examine contemporary environmental issues and problems in a range of local, national and international contexts at advanced level
- K3.** Explore an array of environmental problems and issues in specific local, national and international contexts
- K4.** Appraise patterns in environmental problems and issues across a range of contexts.

Skills:

- S1.** Summarise and critique theoretical and conceptual frameworks for the analysis of contemporary environmental issues at advanced level
- S2.** Evaluate the sociological impacts of environmental problems and issues upon specific local, national and international settings at advanced level
- S3.** Research environmental problems and issues in specific settings.

Application of knowledge and skills:

Course Outline (Higher Education)

SOCIO3736 ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

- A1.** Apply advanced level theoretical and conceptual knowledge and understanding to contemporary environmental issues and problems
- A2.** Present well-constructed written arguments which show evidence of wide reading
- A3.** Apply advanced level conceptual and theoretical frameworks to a range of environmental problems and their consequences for contemporary sociological contexts.

Course Content:

Topics may include:

- Environmental problems in local contexts
- Sociological perspectives on climate change
- Sociological debates on pollution
- Resource scarcity and social change
- Environmental problems in regional contexts
- Agriculture in changing environmental contexts
- Water shortages and challenges to cities
- Bushfires, wild fires and sociological disruptions
- Environmental problems in international contexts
- Environmental challenges to population management
- Environmental and social sustainability

Values and Graduate Attributes:

Values:

- V1.** Professional autonomy and accountability in sociology and the social sciences
- V2.** Sociological understandings of contemporary societies as sources of insight
- V3.** Understanding social issues and critically negotiating diverse policies and governance settings
- V4.** Critical evaluation and application of contemporary and historical sociological and environmental theories and methods

Graduate Attributes:

Course Outline (Higher Education)

SOCIO3736 ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY

Attribute	Brief Description	Focus
Continuous Learning	Students develop their abilities to identify and understand the roles of relevant processes, structures, values and actors in relation to environmental sociology.	High
Self Reliance	Students develop skills in independent sociological research and analysis of environmental problems and issues.	Medium
Engaged Citizenship	Students engage with sociological values, ideas, concepts, debates and perspectives as influences upon societies and their environmental concepts.	High
Social Responsibility	Students develop their understanding of conducting ethical sociological research and capacities to contribute to ethical public discourse.	High

Learning Task and Assessment:

Learning Outcomes Assessed	Assessment Task	Assessment Type	Weighting
K1, K2, K3, S1, S2, A1, A2	Research and writing skills, construction of an informed and substantiated argument, using relevant evidence.	Essay Format	30-50%
K1, K2, K3, K4, S2, S3, A1, A2, A3	Students are required to present a well-researched and fully referenced essay on a selected topic at advanced level.	Essay Format	50-70%

Adopted Reference Style:

Other (Harvard)