MODULE DESCRIPTOR

MODULE TITLE	Sustainable Development in the Business Environment (SLIIT)		
Module Code	44-6867-00C		
Level	6		
Credit Points	20		
JACS Code	N100		
Indicative Assessment Components & Percentage Weightings	40% Coursework 60% Examination		
Pre-Requisite Modules *(if applicable)*			
Delivered according to Standard Academic Calendar YES / NO	**Long:** **2 semesters** YES	**Short:** **1 semester** NO	**Other delivery pattern:** *Please specify*

1   **MODULE AIMS**

The aims of this module are to:
- provide students with the capacity to understand and respond to the need for sustainable development within business operations;

- enable students to recognise the effects of unregulated business activity on the Earth's eco system and understand the implications for health, well being and economic development;

- develop an awareness of the relationship between policies evolved at a global level and how they impact on British businesses; and

- demonstrate how policies that facilitate sustainable development can be applied in specific organisational contexts.

2   **MODULE LEARNING OUTCOMES**
       BY THE END OF THE MODULE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the need for systems of sustainable development;

2. Assess the principle sources of environmental pollution and degradation, including resource and energy depletion;

3. Interpret and comment upon the social, economic and political factors that underlie the present situation;

4. Critically evaluate the steps currently being taken to secure sustainable development within the world economy and how this relates to UK activities;

5. Review critically a range of theories on the causes of environmental stress and how sustainable development may be achieved;

6. Apply knowledge of how sustainability can be implemented in specific business contexts; and

7. Communicate orally and in writing.

3   INDICATIVE LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

Teaching will be undertaken in both large group and small group settings. Seminars will be used to encourage students to explore in more detail the issues introduced via lectures, and to work collaboratively in developing responses to issues and problems. Assessment will be via coursework and examination.

ASSESSMENT STRATEGY AND METHODS

Task No.	TASK DESCRIPTION	SI Code	Task Weighting %	Word Count / Duration	In-module retrieval available
1	Essay	CW	40%	2000 words	Yes
2	Exam	EX	60%	2 hours	No

4   INDICATIVE MODULE CONTENTS / TOPICS

- Concept of sustainable development and the need for establishing appropriate policies in organisations;
- Problems of pollution and resource depletion and the consequences for the global/national/local economy;
- Theories of pollution and environmental degradation and possible solutions;
- The costs of solutions - social and economic;
- The operation of global policies in the UK;
- Social, political and economic factors relating to sustainable development;
- Barriers to effective implementation; and
- Sector specific examples.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MODULE

FURTHER / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS MODULE, INCLUDING <u>ASSESSMENT CRITERIA</u> DETAILING HOW YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THE MODULE WILL BE MEASURED, HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE FEEDBACK, DETAILS OF LEARNING RESOURCES AND KEY READINGS.

THIS INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN

module handbook

NOTE THAT THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

FINAL TASK

According to the Assessment Strategy shown in the Module Descriptor, which task will be the LAST TASK to be taken or handed-in? (Give task number as shown in the Assessment Strategy)	Task No. 2

MODULE REFERRAL STRATEGY

Task for Task (as shown for initial assessment strategy)	Y
Single Referral Package for All Referred Students	N

REVISIONS

Date	Reason
July 2012	Assessment Framework review