

MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

Wildlife Tourism: Issues and Management

Reference	CB4001	Version	2
Created	February 2024	SCQF Level	SCQF 10
Approved	June 2018	SCQF Points	15
Amended	April 2024	ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide the student with the ability to evaluate management requirements and issues in marine and wildlife tourism operations.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Critique the relevant historical context and future development of wildlife tourism nationally and internationally.
- 2 Analyse the effectiveness of approaches to the management of wildlife resources, specifically the tensions between balancing tourism development with the protection and preservation of wildlife and their habitats.
- 3 Critique and evaluate the use of certification and accreditation schemes within these niche markets.
- 4 Evaluate and critique international and national case studies.

Indicative Module Content

This module extends prior learning in all management and sustainability areas by focusing on the niche market of wildlife tourism. Key areas covered: evaluating past and future developments; visitor behaviour; visitor experience; employment requirements; social and economic benefits; stakeholder analysis; links with conservation and sustainability of natural resources and host communities; wildlife codes of conduct; future development of wildlife tourism; national and international case studies; certification and accreditation schemes. Students will engage with UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development Anticipatory, Strategic, Collaboration, Critical thinking, Normative, Self-awareness and Integrated problem solving competencies as they consider future wildlife tourism development; investigate positive and negative impacts of wildlife tourism and consider the implications of these; engage in collaborative activities to explore practices that drive sustainability; reflect upon their own perspective as a tourists/future tourism professional and identify sustainable solutions to meet complex tourism issues relating to multiple stakeholders. This module will provide opportunity to engage with UNSDGs 8-12, 14 and 15

Module Delivery

A programme of core lectures introduces contemporary issues related to the management of wildlife tourism operations. This will be supported by tutorials. Industry input will enhance and apply learning.

Indicative Student Workload

	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	36	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	114	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type:	Coursework	Weighting:	100%	Outcomes Assessed:	1, 2, 3, 4
Description:	Individual Written Assessment				

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR**Explanatory Text**

The calculation of the overall grade for this module is based on 100% weighting of C1. An overall minimum grade D is required to pass the module.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	The student needs to achieve an A in C1.
B	The student needs to achieve a B in C1.
C	The student needs to achieve a C in C1.
D	The student needs to achieve a D in C1.
E	The student needs to achieve an E in C1.
F	The student needs to achieve an F in C1.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Students may be expected to contribute to the cost of the field trip.

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