

Module code	AW-1302		
Module Title	Introduction to Environments and Environmental Issues		
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Arts (Geography, Environment, and Development)		
Type of Module	Major Option		
Modular Credits	4	Total student workload	8 hours/week
		Contact hours	4 hours/week
Prerequisite	None		
Anti-requisite	None		
Aims To introduce students to the diversity of environments and contemporary environmental issues; to inform the students the benefits of cross-disciplinary work and the involvement of other cogent disciplines in solving environmental problem in modern times; and <u>to digest socio-cultural complexities of environmental problems, which are trailblazed by globalization.</u>			
Learning Outcomes: <i>On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:</i>			
Lower order:	10%	- Have adequate knowledge of the different types of environments for environmental study and geography; - Describe the major contemporary environmental issues, their context, and their points of contention; - Assess the validity of the different arguments and hypotheses concerning major environmental issues;	
Middle order:	10%	- Carry out further investigation on specific issues and environments through literature review and communication with experts; - Identify environmental issues in the Brunei context.	
Higher order:	80%	- Work in an interdisciplinary team to investigate a specific environmental issue, and present the findings. - Provide feasible and evidence-based solutions to global environmental problems - Identify some basic geographical skill sets (e.g GIS, geomatics, statistics, spatial analysis, environmental assessment) to provide evidence-based solutions - Enable students with learning autonomy and independence by employing blended learning platforms (in-class and self-investigative learning and online lectures)	
Module Contents The main contents of the course are: - Environments: variety & dimensions; - Environmental systems and processes; - Population & development pressures; - Environmental issues: pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change, deforestation, desertification, waste and water management, etc. - Environment impact assessment;			
Assessment	Formative assessment	Feedback and discussions with students	
	Summative assessment	Examination: 0% Coursework: 100% - 1 Group Presentation (20%) - 1 Final Assignment (750-1000 words essay) (30%) - 1 Individual Fieldwork Report (400-500 words) (30%) - 1 Thematic movie Review (250-300 words) (20%)	