

INT102

Global Environmental Politics

School: School of Law and Society

2026 | Trimester 2

UniSC Sunshine Coast
UniSC Moreton Bay

BLENDED
LEARNING

Most of your course is on campus but you may be able to do some components of this course online.

Online

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You can do this course without coming onto campus, unless your program has specified a mandatory onsite requirement.

Please go to unisc.edu.au for up to date information on the teaching sessions and campuses where this course is usually offered.

1. What is this course about?

1.1. Description

This course examines global environmental politics by focusing on the institutions, policy frameworks, and forms of global governance related to the environment in world politics. A number of global environmental issues will be studied including climate change, biodiversity, oceans, forests and ecosystems. The focus is on global environmental policies, treaties, and institutions alongside the role of the state and civil society, and the links between globalisation and sustainability.

1.2. How will this course be delivered?

ACTIVITY	HOURS	BEGINNING WEEK	FREQUENCY
BLENDED LEARNING			
Learning materials – Weekly online materials	1hr	Week 1	12 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – on campus tutorial	2hrs	Week 1	10 times
ONLINE			
Learning materials – Weekly online materials	1hr	Week 1	12 times
Tutorial/Workshop 1 – Online tutorial	2hrs	Week 1	10 times

1.3. Course Topics

Global Environmental Theory
Global Environmental Law
Global Environmental Policy
Global Environmental Activism

2. What level is this course?

100 Level (Introductory)

Engaging with discipline knowledge and skills at foundational level, broad application of knowledge and skills in familiar contexts and with support. Limited or no prerequisites. Normally, associated with the first full-time study year of an undergraduate program.

3. What is the unit value of this course?

12 units

4. How does this course contribute to my learning?

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES		GRADUATE QUALITIES
On successful completion of this course, you should be able to...		Completing these tasks successfully will contribute to you becoming...
1	Use critical reasoning to evaluate the way global environmental politics, governance, and policy works domestically and internationally.	Creative and critical thinker
2	Critique the challenges facing the global environment and our institutions.	Empowered Ethical Sustainability-focussed
3	Communicate research through written and oral modes.	Engaged
4	Identify and describe key political and institutional bodies and their functions, roles, relationships and responsibilities in the global world order.	Knowledgeable

5. Am I eligible to enrol in this course?

Refer to the [UniSC Glossary of terms](#) for definitions of “pre-requisites, co-requisites and anti-requisites”.

5.1. Pre-requisites

Not applicable

5.2. Co-requisites

Not applicable

5.3. Anti-requisites

Not applicable

5.4. Specific assumed prior knowledge and skills (where applicable)

Not applicable

5.5. Microcredential Information

Not applicable

6. How am I going to be assessed?

6.1. Grading Scale

Standard Grading (GRD)

High Distinction (HD), Distinction (DN), Credit (CR), Pass (PS), Fail (FL).

6.2. Details of early feedback on progress

The weekly Quizzes, commencing in Week 2, will be used to provide early feedback on the understanding of the course content.

6.3. Assessment tasks

DELIVERY MODE	TASK NO.	ASSESSMENT PRODUCT	INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP	WEIGHTING %	WHAT IS THE DURATION / LENGTH?	WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT?	WHERE SHOULD I SUBMIT IT?
All	1	Quiz/zes	Individual	30%	20 minutes online with discussion in tutorial	Throughout teaching period (refer to Format)	Online Test (Quiz)
All	2	Examination - not Centrally Scheduled	Individual	25%	Approximately two hours to complete the online multiple-choice (5% of the total assessment grade) exam, and a personal essay of 750-1000 words using course materials and textbook.	Week 5	Online Test (Quiz)
All	3	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece	Group	45%	Creative artefact (format chosen in consultation with the instructor). 1000-1500 words (or the equivalent in creative materials + reflection report)	Exam Period	Online Assignment Submission with plagiarism check

All - Assessment Task 1: Quizzes

GOAL:	You will identify key political and institutional bodies and their functions, roles, relationships and responsibilities in the global world order. You will use the course materials and textbook to answer (online) quizzes and a downloadable tutorial review sheet due in tutorial weeks 2-10.		
PRODUCT:	Quiz/zes		
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:			
FORMAT:	Weekly quizzes on readings and course materials starting in week 2. Multiple Choice questions on Canvas. Required participation with the tutorial review sheet, which will be due in class for full credit.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Identification of concepts, practices and key issues	4
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Information literacy		

All - Assessment Task 2: Multiple choice and Personal Essay

GOAL:	This assessment requires you to complete the online quizzes and keep up with the weekly readings. This assesses the student's comprehension of the topics covered in the first five weeks of class.		
PRODUCT:	Examination - not Centrally Scheduled		
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:			
FORMAT:	20-question multiple-choice online test and a personal essay uploaded to Canvas.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Identification of key global environmental problems and political institutions	1 3
	2	Identification of relations between state/group to global environmental policy	1 2 4
	3	Critique the challenges facing the global environment and our institutions.	1 4
	4	Critical reasoning	1
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Information literacy		

All - Assessment Task 3: Final Project

GOAL:	To draw out and elaborate on a key topic (or topics) of the course that interests you most.		
PRODUCT:	Artefact - Creative, and Written Piece		
AUTHORSHIP STATEMENT:			
FORMAT:	The final product is chosen by the student (i.e. essay, podcast, brief, speech). The assessment needs to demonstrate that the student can identify environmental problems and the institutions that respond to them, and show the relationships among groups, issues, policy, law, and advocacy/activism. The creative artefact is accompanied by a reflection report ("the statement"), which is either 1. presented in the last tutorial or 2. recorded in presentation view for upload to Canvas if you are unable to attend tutorial.		
CRITERIA:	No.		Learning Outcome assessed
	1	Scholarly and authoritative reference sources are used to directly support claims and arguments	1 3
	2	Demonstrates critical thinking, analysis and synthesis of argument	1 2
	3	Effective communication	1 3
GENERIC SKILLS:	Communication, Problem solving, Organisation, Applying technologies, Information literacy		

7. Directed study hours

A 12-unit course will have total of 150 learning hours which will include directed study hours (including online if required), self-directed learning and completion of assessable tasks. Student workload is calculated at 12.5 learning hours per one unit.

8. What resources do I need to undertake this course?

Please note: Course information, including specific information of recommended readings, learning activities, resources, weekly readings, etc. are available on the course Canvas site— Please log in as soon as possible.

8.1. Prescribed text(s) or course reader

You need regular access to the resource(s) below. Many texts are available as ebooks through the [Library](#) at no additional cost.

REQUIRED?	AUTHOR	YEAR	TITLE	EDITION	PUBLISHER
Required	John McCormick	2017	Environmental Politics and Policy	n/a	Red Globe Press

8.2. Specific requirements

Not applicable

9. How are risks managed in this course?

Health and safety risks for this course have been assessed as low. It is your responsibility to review course material, search online, discuss with lecturers and peers and understand the health and safety risks associated with your specific course of study and to familiarise yourself with the University's general health and safety principles by reviewing the [online induction training for students](#), and following the instructions of the University staff.

10. What administrative information is relevant to this course?

10.1. Assessment: Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is the ethical standard of university participation. It ensures that students graduate as a result of proving they are competent in their discipline. This is integral in maintaining the value of academic qualifications. Each industry has expectations and standards of the skills and knowledge within that discipline and these are reflected in assessment.

Academic integrity means that you do not engage in any activity that is considered to be academic fraud; including plagiarism, collusion or outsourcing any part of any assessment item to any other person. You are expected to be honest and ethical by completing all work yourself and indicating in your work which ideas and information were developed by you and which were taken from others. You cannot provide your assessment work to others. You are also expected to provide evidence of wide and critical reading, usually by using appropriate academic references.

In order to minimise incidents of academic fraud, this course may require that some of its assessment tasks, when submitted to Canvas, are electronically checked through Turnitin. This software allows for text comparisons to be made between your submitted assessment item and all other work to which Turnitin has access.

10.2. Assessment: Additional Requirements

Eligibility for Supplementary Assessment

Your eligibility for supplementary assessment in a course is dependent of the following conditions applying:

- (a) The final mark is in the percentage range 47% to 49.4%; and
- (b) The course is graded using the Standard Grading scale

10.3. Assessment: Submission penalties

Late submissions may be penalised up to and including the following maximum percentage of the assessment task's identified value, with weekdays and weekends included in the calculation of days late:

- (a) One day: deduct 5%;
- (b) Two days: deduct 10%;
- (c) Three days: deduct 20%;
- (d) Four days: deduct 40%;
- (e) Five days: deduct 60%;
- (f) Six days: deduct 80%;
- (g) Seven days: A result of zero is awarded for the assessment task.

The following penalties will apply for a late submission for an online examination:

Less than 15 minutes: No penalty
From 15 minutes to 30 minutes: 20% penalty
More than 30 minutes: 100% penalty

10.4. Links to relevant University policy and procedures

For more information on Academic Learning & Teaching categories including:

- Assessment: Courses and Coursework Programs
- Review of Assessment and Final Grades
- Supplementary Assessment
- Central Examinations
- Deferred Examinations
- Student Conduct
- Students with a Disability

For more information, visit <https://www.usc.edu.au/explore/policies-and-procedures#academic-learning-and-teaching>

10.5. Student Charter

UniSC is committed to excellence in teaching, research and engagement in an environment that is inclusive, inspiring, safe and respectful. The [Student Charter](#) sets out what students can expect from the University, and what in turn is expected of students, to achieve these outcomes.

10.6. General Enquiries

For course-specific questions, contact your teaching staff or Course Coordinator.

For other enquiries or to access support, please contact Student Central:

- [UniSC Student Central](#)
- [UniSC Adelaide Student Central](#)