



EVST11001 *Development and Environmental Policy*

Term 1 - 2022

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General Information

Overview

In recent years the Australian news media has contained some consistent themes – and so we are all well aware of the clash between development projects and environmental concerns. How is the peace kept? How do development and the environment co-exist? You will explore the nexus of international agreements, government policy and corporate governance principles with respect to environmental policy. You will explore the rationale that links more specialist units of study at CQUniversity – Environmental Management Systems, Environment Impact Analysis and units teaching practical environment quality measurement skills.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 1*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 8

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

There are no requisites for this unit.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 1 - 2022

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 10%

2. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 30%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 20%

4. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 40%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Student feedback.

Feedback

Student feedback suggests that the assessment task description for the minor case study needs clarifying.

Recommendation

The unit lead will clarify the assessment task brief for the minor case study.

Feedback from Student feedback.

Feedback

Student feedback suggests that the unit learning material is engaging and supports enthused learning.

Recommendation

The unit lead will maintain the engagement focus of the unit learning design.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Explain the concepts that underpin development and environmental policy
2. Analyse the peak processes that organisations need to put in place to gain an environmental consciousness and abide by Government environmental management policy and legislation
3. Discuss the extent to which the application of environmental policy could have ameliorated a recent Australian environmental issue.

N/A

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Written Assessment - 10%	•		
2 - Written Assessment - 30%	•		
3 - Written Assessment - 40%		•	
4 - Written Assessment - 20%			•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Communication			•
2 - Problem Solving		•	•
3 - Critical Thinking		•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•		
5 - Team Work			•
6 - Information Technology Competence			•
7 - Cross Cultural Competence	•	•	•
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation	•		•
10 - First Nations Knowledges			
11 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures			

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1 - Written Assessment - 10%				•			•	•	•		
2 - Written Assessment - 30%				•			•	•	•		
3 - Written Assessment - 40%		•	•				•	•			
4 - Written Assessment - 20%	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 07 Mar 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Welcome to the Anthropocene		

Week 2 - 14 Mar 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Waking the Snake		

Week 3 - 21 Mar 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Environmental Policy - Historic Drivers		

Week 4 - 28 Mar 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Environmental Policy - International Agreements		Online Debate #1 Due: Week 4 Monday (28 Mar 2022) 9:00 am AEST

Week 5 - 04 Apr 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Environmental Policy - Big Ideas		

Vacation Week - 11 Apr 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 6 - 18 Apr 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Environmental Policy - Australian Drivers		

Week 7 - 25 Apr 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Australian Development and Environment Policies		Case Study #1 Due: Week 7 Monday (25 Apr 2022) 9:00 am AEST

Week 8 - 02 May 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Regional and Local Development and Environment Policies		

Week 9 - 09 May 2022		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Development Company Policy and Procedures		
Week 10 - 16 May 2022		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Rocks in the Policy River		Online Debate #2 Due: Week 10 Monday (16 May 2022) 9:00 am AEST
Week 11 - 23 May 2022		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Case study preparation		
Week 12 - 30 May 2022		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Case study preparation		
Review/Exam Week - 06 Jun 2022		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Case Study #2 Due: Review/Exam Week Monday (6 June 2022) 9:00 am AEST
Exam Week - 13 Jun 2022		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessment Tasks

1 Online Debate #1

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

There are two assessed Moodle Q*A forum debates for the EVST11001 unit.

The idea behind these debates is peer learning. Each debate requires you to undertake two tasks.

You will firstly lodge a forum submission of around 350 words. Your opinion is drawn from the learning material. Each forum then requires a second action from you by the due date: you make a short, respectful and reflective reply to two of your colleague's posts.

Further detailed instructions and the debate question is provided in the Moodle site for EVST11001. Debate #1 relies on your understanding of week 2 learning content.

Assessment Due Date

Week 4 Monday (28 Mar 2022) 9:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Vacation Week Monday (11 Apr 2022)

Lecturer written feedback via Moodle Grade.

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

The Moodle site for EVST19008 contains a document detailing the marking criteria for the two forum assessments – in general, the marking accounts for:

- a structured and engagingly written opinion drawing on unit materials;
- within the word limits - around 350 words;
- learned opinion on more than one related concept;
- grammar and spelling;
- submission of the original post on or before the deadline; and

- commentary on other student posts on or before the deadline.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

A Moodle based Q&A Forum

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Explain the concepts that underpin development and environmental policy

Graduate Attributes

- Information Literacy
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice
- Social Innovation

2 Case Study #1

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

The written case study assessment applies the unit learning of weeks 3, 4 and 5 to a specific and contemporary Australian development project environmental issue. You will examine the issue in the light of documents that explore:

- The historical drivers of environmental policy.
- The international agreements that have moulded environmental policy and legislation.
- The body of knowledge concerning the balancing of economic and environmental perspectives.

Specific guidance and material on the case study are provided in the EVST11001 Moodle site.

Assessment Due Date

Week 7 Monday (25 Apr 2022) 9:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 9 Monday (9 May 2022)

Lecturer feedback via Moodle Grade

Weighting

30%

Assessment Criteria

Your case study will be marked based on a criteria sheet available from the EVST11001 Moodle site - in summary, the marking criteria are based on the degree to which the case study:

- Illustrates knowledge synthesis from the unit learning activities;
- extended knowledge from further scholarly literary source material;
- illustrates undergraduate student level attention to document structure, logical argument progression, reader engagement, correct citation and referencing format, sentence construction, grammar and spelling; and
- within word limits.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

You will submit the Case Study via the EVST11001 Moodle site TurnItIn facility.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Explain the concepts that underpin development and environmental policy

Graduate Attributes

- Information Literacy
- Cross Cultural Competence

- Ethical practice
- Social Innovation

3 Online Debate #2

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

There are two assessed Moodle Q&A forum debates for the EVST11001 unit. This second debate requires you to undertake two tasks.

You firstly lodge a forum submission of around 500 words. Your opinion is drawn from the learning material. Each forum then requires a second action from you by the due date: you make a short, respectful and reflective reply to at least two of your colleague's posts.

Further detailed instructions and the debate question is provided in the Moodle site for EVST11001. Debate #2 relies on your understanding of week 6 learning content.

Assessment Due Date

Week 10 Monday (16 May 2022) 9:00 am AEST

A Moodle based Q&A Forum

Return Date to Students

Week 12 Monday (30 May 2022)

Lecturer written feedback via Moodle Grade.

Weighting

20%

Assessment Criteria

The Moodle site for EVST11001 contains a document detailing the marking criteria for the two forum assessments - in general, the marking accounts for:

- a structured and engagingly written opinion drawing on unit materials;
- within the word limits - around 500 words;
- learned opinion on more than one related concept;
- grammar and spelling;
- submission of the original post on or before the deadline; and
- commentary on other student posts on or before the deadline.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

A Moodle based Q&A Forum

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Discuss the extent to which the application of environmental policy could have ameliorated a recent Australian environmental issue.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice
- Social Innovation

4 Case Study #2

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

The written case study assessment applies the unit learning of weeks 7 to 10 to the same specific and contemporary Australian development project environmental issue as utilised in Case Study #1. Weeks 11 and 12 of the term are specifically set aside for you to complete the task.

You will examine the issue in the light of documents that explore:

- Australian Government development and environmental policy and legislation;
- relevant state Government development and environmental policy and legislation; and
- development management organisation environmental policy and procedures.

Specific guidance and material on the case study are provided in the EVST11001 Moodle site.

Assessment Due Date

Review/Exam Week Monday (6 June 2022) 9:00 am AEST

Return Date to Students

Lecturer feedback via Moodle Grade

Weighting

40%

Assessment Criteria

Your case study will be marked based on a criteria sheet available from the EVST11001 Moodle site - in summary, the marking criteria are based on the degree to which the case study:

- Illustrates knowledge synthesis from the unit learning activities;
- extended knowledge from further scholarly literary source material;
- illustrates undergraduate student level attention to document structure, logical argument progression, reader engagement, correct citation and referencing format, sentence construction, grammar and spelling; and
- within word limits.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Submission Instructions

You will submit the Case Study via the EVST11001 Moodle site TurnItIn facility.

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Analyse the peak processes that organisations need to put in place to gain an environmental consciousness and abide by Government environmental management policy and legislation

Graduate Attributes

- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem