
 Making environmental decisions T891

Presentation pattern *May to October*
 November to April

Module description

Many individual and collective decisions and actions affect our environment; yet economic and political considerations often dominate. Defining environment to include biophysical, social, political, economic and other factors, this online module uses a systems framework to integrate environment with other elements when making environmental decisions in complex situations. Students will explore a contemporary case of environmental decision making concerning fracking, as well as a range of further examples around water, energy, agriculture and climate change. They will also be able to consider an environmental decision-making situation of their own choosing, through the development of a project.

Person specification

The person specification for this module should be read in conjunction with the [generic person specification](#) for an associate lecturer at The Open University.

As well as meeting all the requirements set out in the generic person specification, you should have:

- a postgraduate qualification, or formal professional training, in environmental management or a related subject
- an academic background in environmental and/or sustainable development in multiple contexts
- practical experience in environmental and/or sustainable development in multiple contexts
- significant experience of using systems concepts and approaches in a practical or teaching context
- ability to create a safe, constructive but critical learning environment for students who are challenged by the module materials
- willingness to engage with the modules as a learner as well as facilitator of other people's learning
- an awareness of your own worldview and respect for those of others.

It would be an advantage to have:

- teaching experience
- experience of project-based assessment
- experience of engaging with, modelling and evaluating environmentally related issues or situations
- understanding of environmental decision-making processes.

Additional information

This module is presented entirely online. Hence there will be specific requirements, as part of the AL role, to participate in computer-mediated forms and conduct online tutorials.

Module related details - a full explanation can be found on the website

Credits awarded to the student for the successful completion of a module:	30
Number of assignments submitted by the student:	3
Method of submission for assignments:	2
Level of ICT requirements:	3
Number of students likely to be in a standard group:	20
Salary band:	4
Estimated number of hours per teaching week:	6