



# COURSE SYLLABUS

## **WARMADDEWA UNIVERSITY** SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

BGA22M01

International Program



## SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

5 ECTS

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

In the course “Sustainability and environmental management” students will get introduced to the topics of sustainability from an economic perspective. They will learn about the importance of the impact and interactions of human societies on the environment and develop the skillset to make sure protection and maintenance of ecosystem services for future human generations, and maintenance of ecosystem integrity as well by means of considering ecological, economic, and ethical variables.

### **OBJECTIVES**

By the end of this course, students should be able to understand:

- The economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainability
- The concept of life cycle assessment
- Understand the benefits of sustainable resource usage
- The pathways towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future

### **LECTURING METHOD**

The course will be presented in lecture activities, classroom assignments and discussions, case studies, special topic presentations, and homework. Students will be working primarily based on real-life stories, though additional materials can be assigned from time to time. To understand the topics covered in this course, students must read the supplied online material before class sessions to contribute thoughtfully to the class discussions and exercises.

### **ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

This course includes an academic research paper that must be completed during your semester. It will be based on a topic given by the lecturer and requires comprehensive research by the student. This paper will consist of methodological analysis of the latest literature and be handed in at the end of the semester. The academic research will be included in the final course grade.

### **ASSESSMENT METHOD**

Class attendance 10 %  
Class participation and assignments 20 %  
Mid-term exam 20 %  
Final project 50 %

### **LECTURER**

TBA



## LECTURE TOPICS

| Week | Topics  |
|------|---|
| 1.   | Introduction to sustainability and environmental management |
| 2.   | Sustainability Models and environmental frameworks          |
| 3.   | What is the Lifecycle assessment?                           |
| 4.   | Industrial Ecology  |
| 5.   | Pollution prevention  |
| 6.   | Environmental ethics  |
| 7.   | <b>Mid-Term Exam</b>  |
| 8.   | Population and scarcity                                     |
| 9.   | Climate Change  |
| 10.  | Globalization and technological change                      |
| 11.  | The impact of constantly rising consumption                 |
| 12.  | A market-based approach to environmental challenges         |
| 14.  | Green consumerism   |
| 15.  | <b>Final Exam</b>   |

## WORKLOAD

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (MASTER)

16 weeks

|                            |  | Weeks per semester |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |            | TOTAL hrs |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------|-----------|
|                            |  | 1                  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16         |           |
| INDEPENDENT WORK           | Homework, assignments                    |                    | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |   | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |            | 24        |
|                            | Workshops                                |                    | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |            | 4         |
|                            | Exam preparation                         |                    |   |   |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | 10         | 19        |
|                            | Company visits, excursions               |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    | 4  |            | 4         |
|                            | Preparation for presentations and papers |                    |   |   | 2 |   | 2 |   | 2 |   | 2  |    | 2  |    | 2  |    |            | 12        |
|                            | Preparation for class                    |                    | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |   | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |            | 24        |
|                            | Follow-up for class                      |                    | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |            | 12        |
|                            | Final essay paper                        |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | 10         | 10        |
|                            | Academic Research                        |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | 20         | 20        |
|                            | Course evaluation                        |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | 2          | 2         |
|                            | Workshop and Excursion Paper             |                    |   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    | 2  | 4          |           |
|                            |  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | <b>135</b> |           |
| HRS OF EXAMS               |  |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |    |    |    |    |    | 2  | 4          |           |
| MANDATORY CLASS ATTENDANCE | Class Weekly hrs ~4                      | 2                  | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |   | 2 | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  | 2  |    | 26         |           |
|                            | <b>TOTAL WORKLOAD PER COURSE (HOURS)</b> |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | <b>165</b> |           |
|                            | <b>TOTAL ECTS</b>                        |                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    | <b>5</b>   |           |