



**UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON**

Programme Regulations

2021

for programmes offered through the
Centre for Development Environment
and Policy (CeDEP)

Agricultural Economics
Environmental Economics
Environmental
Management
Managing Rural
Development
Sustainable Development
Poverty Reduction: Policy
and Practice

MSc

Postgraduate Diploma

Postgraduate Certificate

Individual professional awards

Important document – please read

This document contains important
information that governs your
registration, assessment and
programme of study

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Alternative Assessments during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak

In these unprecedented times, the University has and continues to respond quickly to the impact of COVID-19, which has resulted in changes to our assessment processes.

In line with our current General Regulations, the University may offer you alternative assessments where necessary. This includes holding online timed assessments in place of written examinations, which are usually held at examination centres. Please note that this statement replaces any published information relating to assessments or written examinations in any of our materials including the website. Previously published materials relating to examinations should therefore be read in conjunction with this statement.

The University of London continues to work towards supporting the academic progression of all its students. The University also continues to be mindful of the health and wellbeing of its students during this pandemic, whilst protecting the academic standards of its awards.

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Important information regarding the Programme Regulations

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As a student registered with the University of London you are governed by the current General Regulations and Programme Regulations associated with your programme of study.

These Programme Regulations are designed and developed by SOAS University of London which is responsible for the academic direction of the programme. The regulations take account of any associated arrangements at SOAS University of London. Programme Regulations will provide the detailed rules and support for your programme of study.

In addition to Programme Regulations you will have to abide by the General Regulations. These regulations apply to all students registered for a programme of study with the University of London and provide the rules governing registration and assessment on all programmes; they also indicate what you may expect on completion of your programme of study and how you may pursue a complaint, should that be necessary. Programme Regulations should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations.

The relevant General Regulations and the Programme Regulations relating to your registration with us are for the current year and not in the year in which you initially registered.

On all matters where the regulations are to be interpreted, or are silent, our decision will be final.

Further information about your programme of study is outlined in the Programme Specification which is available on the University of London website. The Programme Specification gives a broad overview of the structure and content of the programme as well as the learning outcomes students will achieve as they progress.

Terminology

The following language is specific to the selected programmes offered through CeDEP:

CeDEP: Centre for Development, Environment and Policy.

Programme convenor: Programme team member who ensures that design and delivery of high quality learning opportunities are available for students on the module.

Module: Individual units of the programmes are called modules. Each module is a self-contained, formally structured learning experience with a coherent and explicit set of learning outcomes and assessment criteria.

Elective modules: Modules selected from a list that are studied in succession after the core module(s).

Specialism: A group of elective modules offered under the Poverty Reduction, and Sustainable Development programmes that equips students with detailed knowledge of a particular sub-field within the wider scope of the programme. The specialism is noted on the transcript.

Throughout the Regulations, 'we' 'us' and 'our' mean the University of London; 'you' and 'your' mean the student, or where applicable, all students.

Changes to CeDEP Regulations 2021

Closing Programmes

1. Notice has been served on the following MSc, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate programmes:

Sustainable Development (15 credit structure)
Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice
Agricultural Economics
Environmental Economics
Environmental Management

The final registrations were in February 2018 and the final examinations for these programmes will be in **September 2022**.

2. Notice has been served on the following modules:

Understanding poverty
Managing knowledge and communication for development
Climate change and development
Project planning and management
Gender and social inequality
Understanding sustainable development
Research methods

Final examinations for these modules will be held in **September 2021**.

Economics of environmental policy
Water resources management
Political economy of public policy
NGO management
Biodiversity, conservation and development
Energy and development
Dissertation

Final examinations for these modules will be held in **September 2022**.

1 Structure of the programmes

[Appendix A](#) provides details of the programme structures and module titles.

Qualification

1.1

The following named qualifications are offered under these regulations:

- MSc in Agricultural Economics
- MSc in Environmental Economics
- MSc in Environmental Management
- MSc in Sustainable Development
- MSc in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice
- Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Economics
- Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Economics
- Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development
- Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice
- Postgraduate Certificate in Agricultural Economics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Economics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management
- Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Development
- Postgraduate Certificate in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice

Qualification structure

1.2

For the award of **MSc in Agricultural Economics**, **MSc in Environmental Economics**, or **MSc in Environmental Management**, students must complete:

- Four core modules;
- Three elective modules chosen from a list;
- A compulsory Research Methods module; plus
- A dissertation.

1.3

For the award of **MSc in Sustainable Development** or **MSc in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice**, students must complete:

- One compulsory core module;

- Two further core modules chosen from a list;
- Four elective modules chosen from the listed specialisms (with a minimum of three chosen from any one specialism), or any core modules not already taken, and
- A compulsory Research Methods module; plus
- A dissertation.

1.4

For the award of **Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Economics**, **Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Economics**, or **Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management**, students must complete:

- Four core modules; plus
- Four elective modules chosen from a list.

1.5

For the award of **Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development** or **Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice**, students must complete:

- One compulsory core module;
- A minimum of two further core modules chosen from a list
- Five elective modules chosen from the listed specialisms (with a minimum of three chosen from any one specialism), Research Methods, or any core module not already taken.

1.6

For the award of **Postgraduate Certificate in Agricultural Economics**, **Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Economics**, or **Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management**, students must complete:

- Three core modules; plus
- One elective module chosen from a list.

1.7

For the award of **Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Development** or **Postgraduate Certificate in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice**, students must complete:

- One compulsory core module;
- Two further core modules chosen from a list; plus
- One elective module chosen from the listed specialisms or any core module not already taken.

2 Registration

Effective date of registration

2.1

Your effective date of registration will be 1 January in the year that you initially registered. This allowed you to sit your first examinations in September of the same year.

Period of registration

See the Programme Specification in the applicable course pages on our [website](#) for the minimum and maximum periods of registration applicable to this programme.

2.2

An extension of one additional year only will be permitted to the MSc registration period if you have completed at least six modules, subject to the notice periods given on programmes. No further extensions will be granted and you must complete the MSc within the revised enrolment period.

2.3

No extensions will be granted to complete either a Postgraduate Diploma or a Postgraduate Certificate.

2.4

The qualifications offered under these regulations will be permanently closed in September 2022. Therefore, no extensions will be granted beyond 2022.

3 Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer

To be read in conjunction with the [General Regulations](#), Section 3.

Recognition of prior learning

3.1

There is no recognition of prior learning for any programme offered under these regulations.

Credit transfer

3.1

We may permit you to transfer to an alternate CeDEP Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc and apply for credit transfer of relevant modules already passed. We will consider applications to transfer on an individual basis.

If you wish to transfer to the Climate Change and Development programme or Sustainable Development programme (30 credit modules), you should refer to the relevant sections of its programme regulations for information on the transitional arrangements.

4 Module selection

[Appendix A](#) provides details of the programme structures and module titles.

4.1

We cannot guarantee that your preferred choice of module(s) will always be available. On registration, therefore, you will be asked to indicate an alternative choice.

4.2

In all programmes except Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice, and Sustainable Development, one elective module from another programme offered under these regulations may be selected to replace an elective module listed for your programme, subject to approval by the Programme Convenor.

4.3

If you intend to transfer from the Postgraduate Diploma to the related MSc offered under these regulations, by 2021 you must complete the Research Methods module as one of your elective modules as part of the Postgraduate Diploma, and by 2022 complete the Dissertation once you have transferred.

To replace an elective module please contact [CeDEP Student Support](#).

4.4

You may apply to change your choice of module as long as you have not submitted an examined assignment (EA) for that particular module. We will consider any application to change modules on an individual basis and apply our discretion appropriately.

Individual professional awards

4.6

You will not be permitted to transfer from the Individual professional awards to any Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc offered under these regulations.

You may be permitted to transfer credit obtained from Individual professional awards to the new Climate Change and Development or Sustainable Development programmes (30 credit modules). If you wish to do so you should refer to the relevant sections of its programme regulations for information on the transitional arrangements.

5 Assessment for the programme

Assessment methods for all modules/courses with the exception of Dissertation module

5.1

Each module (except for Research Methods and the Dissertation) will be examined by the submission of one EA and by one two-hour unseen written examination. The written examination and EA are weighted on a ratio of 60:40. The unseen written examination must be sat at an approved examination centre.

See the website for the [list of examination centres](#).

5.2

The Research Methods module will be assessed by the submission of two EAs weighted 50% each.

5.3

In order to pass a module you must achieve an overall mark, weighted across the elements of assessment, of 50% or higher.

5.4

You must sit the written examination in order to complete a valid attempt at a module.

5.5

If you submit an EA, but do not complete the examination, the EA mark will be carried forward. In order to complete the module you should take the examination at the next opportunity.

Assessment methods for the dissertation

5.6

The Dissertation module will be assessed by submission of an assessed proposal and a written dissertation report of 10,000 words. The assessed proposal and written report are weighted on a ratio of 20:80.

Plagiarism

Examined assignments, assessed proposals for the Dissertation module and dissertation reports themselves are submitted online through Turnitin. This is the primary tool for identifying irregularities which may constitute poor referencing or plagiarism. Suspected major irregularities will be referred firstly to the CeDEP Examination Sub-Board and then, where applicable, to us for investigation. The marks for pieces of work under investigation for major irregularities will be withheld pending the outcome of the investigation.

See Plagiarism rules in Section 7 of the [General Regulations](#) for the penalties that apply.

Dates of Examinations

5.7

Timed written examinations take place in September each year.

See [General Regulations](#) for Rules for taking written examinations.

5.8

The deadline for a completed EA (for each module except Research Methods) is either **in June** or **in August**. You should refer to the Virtual Learning Environment for the deadline date for your module(s). EAs should be submitted via the Virtual Learning Environment.

5.9

The deadlines for the completed Research Methods EAs are in **June** and **September**. The Research Methods EAs must be submitted via the Virtual Learning Environment.

5.10

The deadline for a completed Dissertation (MSc only) is **in September**. The deadline for the assessed proposal for the Dissertation is **in February**. All dissertation elements must be submitted via the Virtual Learning Environment.

Dissertations are the intellectual property of the student, but are also examination material of the University of London. Therefore, Dissertations should not be disseminated publicly by you before the completion of the examination process, including final release of marks. In the case of a dissertation found to contain minor irregularities, the Examination Sub-Board may require you to make minor amendments to the dissertation before it can be disseminated in any way, even if the mark awarded exceeds 50% after deduction of penalties.

Mitigating Circumstances

Mitigating circumstances are any serious circumstances beyond a student's control which may have adversely affected their academic performance. For more information about mitigating circumstances, see Section 11 of the [General Regulations](#) and the [Examinations section of the website](#).

5.11

You must bring any mitigating circumstances to our attention as soon as you become aware that your performance may be adversely affected by serious circumstances beyond your control. You should do this before the deadline date for coursework, dissertations, and no later than three weeks after the examination date.

For details on how to submit notifications and evidence of mitigating circumstances, see [the assessment resources section of the student portal](#).

Late Submission

5.12

For EAs and the assessed proposal for the dissertation, work submitted up to one week late will be accepted, with two marks deducted per working day (a maximum of 10 marks).

5.13

For the Dissertation, work submitted up to two weeks late will be accepted, with two marks deducted per working day (a maximum of 20 marks). You will not be able to submit after this period.

See [General Regulations](#) Rules for taking written examinations.

6 Number of attempts permitted at an assessment element

6.1

The maximum number of attempts permitted at any element of assessment (EA, timed written examination, dissertation) is two.

6.2

You may only reattempt elements of assessment for which you have received a mark of less than 50%.

6.3

If you resit a failed element of assessment, your most recent mark will count towards your final classification.

Core and elective modules

6.4

If you fail any core or elective module at the final attempt, we may permit you to attempt the assessment of a different module, where an alternative choice is available. If you fail at your final attempt of an alternative module your registration will normally cease.

6.5

If your registration has ceased we will not permit you to re-register for the Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma or MSc, as applicable, but you may be eligible for an exit award.

Dissertation (MSc only)

6.6

If your Dissertation requires minor amendment either to achieve a pass mark of 50% or to correct minor irregularities, we may ask you to re-submit it within a specified time.

6.7

If the Dissertation is failed completely, you will have to submit a new or re-written Dissertation.

The final opportunity to submit a Dissertation will be September 2022.

7 Progression within the programme

See [Section 5](#) for method of assessment.

7.1

If you are registered for an MSc or Postgraduate Diploma under these regulations you may attempt examinations in a maximum of **five** modules in any one year.

7.2

If you are registered for the Postgraduate Certificate under these regulations you may attempt examinations in a maximum of **four** modules in any one year.

7.3

Where you fail to complete a valid attempt at a module in a given year, you will be deemed to have deferred. You will be required to re-enrol for this module, although there is no charge for this. When you do so:

- you should attempt any outstanding or failed assessments;

- this will count as a first attempt for any outstanding element and a second attempt for any failed element;
- for any elements of assessment where you have received a mark of 50 or higher, your mark will be carried forward.

7.4

Once you pass a module with an overall mark of 50% or higher at the end of a study session, the module is deemed complete. Your mark cannot be raised any further and you will not be permitted to resubmit a failed element of assessment.

7.5

If you have failed a module overall, you will be required to re-enrol for this module, although there is no charge for this. When you do so:

- you should retake the failed elements at the next available opportunity;
- this counts as a second attempt when you retake those elements;
- any marks for an element of assessment which are over 50% will be carried forward.

Progression between related qualifications

7.6

There is no automatic progression, but if you successfully complete a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma, you may transfer to the related Postgraduate Diploma or MSc offered under these regulations and receive appropriate credits.

7.7

If you accept a Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma offered under these regulations we will not permit you to register or re-register for the related Postgraduate Diploma or MSc at a later date.

Progression within the MSc

7.8

In order to proceed to the Dissertation of your MSc you must successfully complete all the prescribed core modules for your programme and the Research Methods module, and receive our recommendation that you may progress. Exceptions to this rule must be approved in advance by the Programme Convenor.

7.9

Where you are unable to complete the full MSc you may request to transfer to the related Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma.

8 Schemes of award

8.1

Modules are marked according to the following scale:

Mark	Grade
70+	Distinction
60 to 69	Merit
50 to 59	Pass
0 to 49	Fail

8.2

The final award classification for an MSc is calculated using a weighted average of the marks for the eight taught modules (each 15 credits) and the Dissertation (60 credits). A student is awarded:

- a distinction if the weighted average of their marks is 70 or more;
- a merit if the weighted average of their marks is between 60 and 69;
- a pass if the weighted average of their marks is between 50 and 59.

8.3

The final award classification for a Postgraduate Diploma is calculated using a simple average of the marks for the eight modules. A student is awarded:

- a distinction if the average of their marks is 70 or more;
- a pass if the average of their marks is between 50 and 69.

8.4

The final award classification for a Postgraduate Certificate is calculated using a simple average of the marks for the four modules. A student is awarded:

- a distinction if the average of their marks is 70 or more;
- a pass if the average of their marks is between 50 and 69.

To calculate the final award classification average marks are rounded upwards (n.5 - n.9) or downwards (n.1 – n.4) to the nearest whole figure.

8.5

Normally, students are required to pass all of their modules. However, a fail mark in one core module and/or one elective module (a maximum of two modules) may be condoned by the Examination Board if the marks for the other modules in that part of the programme are sufficient to justify this.

8.6

If you are unable to complete the 120 or 180 credits required for the Postgraduate Diploma or MSc award respectively, you may be awarded the related Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma, as applicable. The award of the Postgraduate Certificate or Postgraduate Diploma will be at the discretion of the Board of Examiners and with effect from the year, and under the regulations, in which the relevant examinations were completed.

Individual professional award

8.7

The pass mark for an Individual professional award is 50%.

Appendix A – Structure of the programmes

The structures below indicate core module requirement (Part 1), elective requirement (Part 2) and, where applicable, the Dissertation (Part 3) for all CeDEP programmes (with the exception of Climate Change and Development and Sustainable Development (30 credit modules), which are published separately). A detailed outline of the module syllabuses is provided on the [CeDEP modules](#) page.

The module examination numbers precede the module titles below, and these numbers should be used when completing your examination entry.

MSc in Agricultural Economics

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Four core modules (all modules 15 credits)

DPM002 Economic principles [P100] (last examination was in 2019)

or

DPM116 Economics and institutions for development [P103] (last examination was in 2020)

+

DPM265 Agricultural policy and trade [P102] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM127 Political economy of public policy [P110] (last examination in 2022)

DPM225 Food security and social protection [P126] (last examination was in 2020)

+

Three elective modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM126 Water resource management [P109] (last examination in 2022)

DPM005 Applied econometrics [P101] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM119 Understanding poverty [P104] (subject to approval by the Programme Convenor; last examination in 2021)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination in 2021)

DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination in 2021)

+

DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P130] (Must be taken before DPM001; last examination in 2021)

and

DPM001 Dissertation (60 credits) [P541] (The topic to be approved by the convenor; last examination in 2022)

Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Economics

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Four core modules (all modules 15 credits)

DPM002 Economic principles [P100] (last examination was in 2019)

or

DPM116 Economics and institutions for development [P103] (last examination was in 2020)

+

DPM265 Agricultural policy and trade [P102] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM127 Political economy of public policy [P110] (last examination in 2022)

DPM225 Food security and social protection [P126] (last examination was in 2020)

+

Four elective modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM126 Water resource management [P109] (last examination in 2022)

DPM005 Applied econometrics [P101] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM119 Understanding Poverty [P104] (subject to approval by the Programme Convenor; last examination in 2021))

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination in 2021)

DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination in 2021)

DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P130] (Must be taken before DPM001; last examination in 2021)

Postgraduate Certificate in Agricultural Economics

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Three core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM002 Economic principles [P100] (last examination was in 2019)

or

DPM116 Economics and institutions for development [P103] (last examination was in 2020)

+

DPM265 Agricultural policy and trade [P102] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM127 Political economy of public policy [P110] (last examination in 2022)

DPM225 Food security and social protection [P126] (last examination was in 2020)

+

One elective module (15 credits) chosen from

DPM126 Water resource management [P109] (last examination in 2022)

DPM005 Applied econometrics [P101] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM119 Understanding poverty [P104] (subject to approval by the Programme Convenor; last examination in 2021)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination in 2021)

DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination in 2021)

MSc in Environmental Economics

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Four core modules (all modules 15 credits)

DPM002 Economic principles [P100] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM121 Economics of environmental policy [P105] (last examination in 2022)

DPM122 Environmental valuation: theory, techniques and application [P106] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

+

Three elective modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM005 Applied Econometrics [P101] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM207 Environmental assessment [P123] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM208 Environmental auditing and environmental management systems [P124] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination in 2021)

DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination in 2021)

DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

And either

- DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination in 2022) **OR**
DPM168 Sustainable land management [P117] (last examination was in 2018) **OR**
DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination in 2022) **OR**
DPM270 Biodiversity, conservation and development (last examination in 2022) [P131]

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- DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P122] (Must be taken before DPM001; last examination in 2021)

and

- DPM001 Dissertation (60 credits) [P541] (The topic to be approved by the convenor; last examination in 2022)

Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Economics

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Four core modules (all modules 15 credits)

- DPM002 Economic principles [P100] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM121 Economics of environmental policy [P105] (last examination in 2022)
DPM122 Environmental valuation: theory, techniques and application [P106] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

+

Four elective modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

- DPM005 Applied Econometrics [P101] (last examination was in 2020)
DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)
DPM207 Environmental assessment [P123] (last examination was in 2020)
DPM208 Environmental auditing and environmental management systems [P124] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination in 2021)
DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination in 2021)
DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)
DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P130] (last examination in 2021)

And either

- DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination in 2022) **OR**
DPM168 Sustainable land management [P117] (last examination was in 2018) **OR**
DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination in 2022) **OR**
DPM270 Biodiversity, conservation and development [P131] (last examination in 2022)

Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Economics

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Three core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

- DPM002 Economic principles [P100] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM121 Economics of environmental policy [P05] (last examination in 2022)
DPM122 Environmental valuation: theory, techniques and application [P106] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination in 2020)

+

One elective module (15 credits) chosen from

- DPM005 Applied Econometrics [P101] (last examination was in 2020)
DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)
DPM207 Environmental assessment [P123] (last examination was in 2020)
DPM208 Environmental auditing and environmental management systems [P124] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)
DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination in 2021)
DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination in 2021)
DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

And either

- DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination in 2022) **OR**
DPM168 Sustainable land management [P117] (last examination was in 2018) **OR**
DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination in 2022) **OR**
DPM270 Biodiversity, conservation and development (last examination in 2022) [P131]

MSc in Environmental Management

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Four core modules (all modules 15 credits)

DPM170 Introduction to environmental economics and policy [P118] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM207 Environmental assessment [P123] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM208 Environmental auditing and environmental management systems [P124] (last examination was in 2019)

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Three elective modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from
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DPM122 Environmental valuation: theory, techniques and application [P106] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination 2022)

DPM132 NGO management [P112] (last examination 2022)

DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination 2022)

DPM201 Understanding sustainable development [P121] (last examination 2021)

+

DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P130] (Must be taken before DPM001, last examination 2021)

+

DPM001 Dissertation (60 credits) [P541] (The topic to be approved by the convenor, last examination 2022)

Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Management

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Four core modules (all modules 15 credits)

DPM170 Introduction to environmental economics and policy [P118] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM207 Environmental assessment [P123] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM208 Environmental auditing and environmental management systems [P124] (last examination was in 2019)

+

Four elective modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM122 Environmental valuation: theory, techniques and application [P106] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination 2022)

DPM132 NGO management [P112] (last examination 2022)

DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination 2022)

DPM201 Understanding sustainable development [P121] (last examination 2021)

DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P130] (Must be taken before DPM001, last examination 2021)

Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

Three core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from:

DPM170 Introduction to environmental economics and policy [P118] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM207 Environmental assessment [P123] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM208 Environmental auditing and environmental management systems [P124] (last examination was in 2019)

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One elective module (15 credits) chosen from

DPM122 Environmental valuation: theory, techniques and application [P106] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination 2022)

DPM132 NGO management [P112] (last examination 2022)

DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination 2022)

DPM201 Understanding sustainable development [P121] (last examination 2021)

MSc in Sustainable Development

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

One compulsory core module (15 credits)

DPM201 Understanding sustainable development [P121] (last examination 2021)

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Two further core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

+

Four elective modules taken from the specialisms listed below or any core module not already taken.

A minimum of three modules must be chosen from one specialism.

All modules are weighted at 15 credits.

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DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P130] (Must be taken before DPM001)

and

DPM001 Dissertation (60 credits) [P541] (The topic to be approved by the convenor)

Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Development

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

One compulsory core module (15 credits)

DPM201 Understanding sustainable development [P121] (last examination 2021)

+

Two further core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

+

Five elective modules taken from the specialisms listed below, DPM106 Research methods or any core module not already taken. A minimum of three modules must be chosen from within one specialism. (All modules 15 credits)

Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Development

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

One compulsory core module (15 credits)

DPM201 Understanding sustainable development [P121] (last examination 2021)

+

Two further core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

DPM263 Ethics for environment and development [P129] (last examination was in 2020)

+

One elective module chosen from any specialism listed below or any remaining further core module (15 credits)

Specialisms: Sustainable Development

Rural development and change

DPM265 Agricultural policy and trade [P102] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM119 Understanding poverty [P104] (last examination 2021)

DPM225 Food security and social protection [P126] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination 2022)

DPM140 Gender and social inequality [P116] (last examination 2021)

Development management

DPM123 Managing knowledge and communication for development [P107] (last examination 2021)

DPM116 Economics and institutions for development [P103] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM132 NGO management [P112] (last examination 2022)

DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination 2021)

Environmental economics

DPM002 Economic principles [P100] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM121 Economics of environmental policy [P105] (last examination 2022)

DPM122 Environmental valuation: theory, techniques and application [P106] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

Environmental management

Note: This specialism is not offered to students who started in February 2018.

DPM170 Introduction to environmental economics and policy [P118] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM207 Environmental assessment [P123] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM208 Environmental auditing and environmental management systems [P124] (last examination was in 2019)

Natural resource management

DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination 2022)

DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM270 Biodiversity, conservation and development [P131] (last examination 2022)

MSc in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

One compulsory core module (15 credits)
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DPM119 Understanding poverty [P104] (last examination 2021)

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Two further core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

- DPM116 Economics and institutions for development [P103] (last examination was in 2020)
- DPM123 Managing knowledge and communication for development [P107] (last examination 2021)
- DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

+

Four elective modules taken from the [specialisms listed below](#) or any core module not already taken. A minimum of three modules must be chosen from one specialism. (All modules 15 credits)

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- DPM106 Research methods (15 credits) [P130] (Must be taken before DPM001)

and

- DPM001 Dissertation (60 credits) [P541] (The topic to be approved by the convenor)

Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

One compulsory core module (15 credits)

- DPM119 Understanding poverty [P104] (last examination 2021)

+

Two further core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

- DPM116 Economics and institutions for development [P103] (last examination was in 2020)
- DPM123 Managing knowledge and communication for development [P107] (last examination 2021)
- DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

+

Five elective modules taken from the [specialisms listed below](#) DPM106 Research methods or any core module not already taken. A minimum of three modules must be chosen from within one specialism. (All modules 15 credits)

Postgraduate Certificate in Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice

Note: This programme is being withdrawn. The final examinations for this programme will be held in 2022.

One compulsory core module (15 credits)

DPM119 Understanding poverty [P104] (last examination 2021)

+

Two further core modules (all modules 15 credits) chosen from

DPM116 Economics and institutions for development [P103] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM123 Managing knowledge and communication for development [P107] (last examination 2021)

DPM124 Climate change and development [P108] (last examination 2021)

+

One elective module chosen from any [specialism listed below](#) or any remaining further core module (15 credits)

Specialisms: Poverty Reduction: Policy and Practice

Natural resource management

DPM200 Environmental science and management [P120] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM205 Natural resource economics [P122] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM214 International environmental law [P125] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM126 Water resources management [P109] (last examination 2022)

DPM270 Biodiversity, conservation and development [P131] (last examination 2022)

Development management

DPM132 NGO management [P112] (last examination 2022)

DPM134 Project planning and management [P113] (last examination 2021)

DPM140 Gender and social inequality [P116] (last examination 2021)

Food and agricultural policy (for students who registered before 2016 only)

DPM127 Political economy of public policy [P110] (last examination 2022)

DPM265 Agricultural policy and trade [P102] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM225 Food security and social protection [P126] (last examination was in 2020)

Inclusive Growth

DPM127 Political economy of public policy [P110] (last examination 2022)

DPM265 Agricultural policy and trade [P102] (last examination was in 2019)

DPM225 Food security and social protection [P126] (last examination was in 2020)

DPM275 Energy and development [P132] (last examination 2022)

Appendix B – Modules offered in February 2021

The following credit-bearing modules are available for study in 2021, pending sufficient student numbers on each module.

Module code 2021	Previous Module code	Module Name
P131	P131	Biodiversity, conservation and development
P108	P524	Climate change and development
P105	P521	Economics of environmental policy
P132	P132	Energy and development
P116	P540	Gender and social inequality
P107	P523	Managing knowledge and communication for development
P112	P532	NGO management
P110	P527	Political economy of public policy
P113	P534	Project planning and management
P130	P506	Research methods
P104	P519	Understanding poverty
P121	P501	Understanding sustainable development
P109	P526	Water resource management
P130	P541	Dissertation - this commences in November

Appendix C – Assessment criteria

Each module (except for Research Methods and the Dissertation) will be examined by the submission of one Examined Assignment (EA) and by one two-hour unseen written examination. This appendix explains the structure of CeDEP's timed unseen written examinations. It then sets out the performance standards by which you should demonstrate your learning achievement in examinations and other elements of assessment.

Timed written examinations

Each written examination comprises two sections that carry equal weighting. You are required to answer questions from both sections. Section A comprises four short questions and you are required to answer three of these. Section B comprises four longer essay questions and you are required to answer one of these.

Short (Section A) examination questions

You should spend approximately 20 minutes on each section A answer. The usual expectation is that you will write in prose, but answers in the form of notation or bulleted points will also be acceptable **if** they fulfil the requirements of the question.

Answers should demonstrate knowledge and understanding of module materials. In certain circumstances, depending on the nature of the subject matter under examination, you may be required to show elements of judgement and also to include some analytical and evaluative content, although clearly not to the same extent as for the longer exam answers in Section B.

Long (Section B) examination questions

You should spend approximately 60 minutes on your Section B answer. The usual expectation is for an essay style answer of 2–3 sides of A4 paper in length **as a minimum**. You should write mainly in continuous prose, with note or bullet point forms used only where appropriate for lists, or under time pressure for final points at the end of the exam. Alternative formats for answers may be appropriate for quantitative questions or particular material or question styles.

Answers to problems must show elements of judgement and analytical and evaluative content, in addition to knowledge and understanding of the context and of the wider literature.

Criteria for demonstrating your level of achievement

80%+ High distinction

- Outstanding ability to make informed judgements and develop original insights
- Very high levels of creativity and independence of thought
- Very significant ability to assemble information from different sources to produce exceptionally well-organised and original answers
- Very significant ability to evaluate published or publicly-presented work critically
- Excellent professional standards of competence, expression and presentation
- Outstanding levels of accuracy and technical competence

70—79% Distinction

- High level of creativity, originality, informed judgement and independence of thought
- Significant ability to assemble information from different sources to produce well-organised and original answers
- Significant ability to evaluate published or publicly-presented work critically and to a high professional standard
- High standards of competence, expression, and presentation
- High levels of accuracy and technical competence

60—69% Merit

- Good standard of competence, expression and presentation
- Some creativity and independence of thought
- Ability to assemble information from different sources to produce organised and insightful answers
- Ability to evaluate published or publicly-presented work to a professional standard, showing some critical judgement
- Good degree of accuracy and technical competence
- No significant errors

50—59% Pass

- Evidence of knowledge and understanding of the relevant literature and other key sources of information
- Ability to construct coherent and relevant answers, some critical judgement though with few signs of originality
- A basic professional standard of organisation and written expression
- Satisfactory degree of competence and technical accuracy

40—49% Fail on one or more indicators

- Some knowledge and understanding of the essential literature and other key sources of information
- Answers are either incomplete or not entirely coherent, possibly with minor errors
- Some grasp of the problem but little or no evidence of originality
- Lacks clarity in written presentation
- Work which is below a pass and professional standard, but is an attempt which shows some relevance to the question

30—39% Fail on some or most indicators

- Displays partial knowledge or understanding of the essential literature and other key sources of information
- Fails to develop an adequate approach to the question, with some basic errors, and probably below expected answer length

- Lacks clarity and coherence in written presentation
- No evidence of independent thought or analysis
- Work which is below a pass and professional standard

20—29% Fail on most indicators

- Fragmentary knowledge or understanding of the essential literature and other key sources of information, containing several errors
- Shows little or no grasp of the problem or topic
- Below expected length of answer
- No evidence of independent or original thought and analysis
- Confused written presentation

10—19% Fail on most or all indicators

- Short answers with fragmentary or no knowledge and understanding of the literature or topic
- Incoherent written presentation
- Little content of relevance to the question or the subject matter of the module

0—9% Fail on all indicators

- No basic points of relevance to the question or the subject matter of the module, with many errors
- Confused and incoherent comments
- One or two sentences only

Specific marking guidelines for Dissertations

80%+ Distinction of publishable quality

- Very high level of analysis
- Ability to plan, organise and execute independently a research project to the highest standards
- Demonstrates creativity, originality, and independence of thought in research design
- Ability to assemble information from different sources to produce highly organised and original arguments
- Ability to evaluate critically existing methodologies and suggest new approaches to current research or professional practice
- Ability to analyse data critically
- Ability to evaluate published or publicly-presented work critically to the highest professional standards
- Highest standards of competence, written expression, and presentation

70—79% Distinction

- Ability to plan, organise and execute independently a research project to a high standard

- Considerable evidence of creativity, originality and independence of thought in research design
- Ability to assemble information from different sources to produce well organized and original arguments
- Ability to analyse data critically and formulate new questions leading to productive lines of enquiry
- Ability to evaluate published or publicly-presented work critically and to a high standard
- High standards of competence, written expression and presentation

60—69% Merit

- Evidence of potential to undertake original research given appropriate guidance and support
- Flexibility of thought, and the ability to solve complex, though not entirely original research problems
- Evidence of some creativity, originality and independence of thought in research design
- Ability to evaluate published or publicly-presented work and to analyse critically sources of literature and information
- Ability to analyse data critically
- Professional standard of competence, expression and written presentation

50—59% Pass

- Adequate knowledge and understanding of the relevant literature and other key sources of information
- Ability to construct coherent and relevant responses to research questions, though with few signs of originality
- Some ability to analyse critically sources of literature and information
- Ability to engage in research when provided with supervision and support
- A competent level of organisation and written expression
- Satisfactory degree of technical accuracy

40-49% Fail on one or more indicators

- Some knowledge and understanding of the essential literature and other key sources of information, but arguments are either incomplete or not entirely coherent
- Limited grasp of the problem or topic
- Lacks clarity in written presentation
- Little or no evidence of originality
- Weak grasp of the basic concepts and facts
- Poor formatting, style, presentation and referencing
- Work which is below an acceptable professional standard

20—39% Fail on some or most indicators

- Fragmentary or no knowledge and understanding of the essential literature and other key sources of information
- Shows little or no grasp of the problem or topic
- No evidence of independent or original thought
- No attempt to analyse data or present results in scientific manner
- Confused written presentation
- Inadequate formatting, style, presentation and referencing

0—19% Fail on most or all indicators

- Short answer with no knowledge and understanding of the literature or topic
- No independent thought or analysis
- Incoherent written presentation
- Wholly improper formatting, style, presentation and referencing.

The guidelines used by examiners to assess performance in the Examined Assignments (EAs) correspond to the long (Section B) examination questions noted above.