

Faculty	Economic & Management Sciences		
Home Department	Political Studies		
Module Topic	South African Politics and the Environment		
Generic Module Name	South African Politics and the Environment 142		
Alpha -numeric Code	POL142		
NQF Level	5		
NQF Credit Value	15		
Duration	Semester		
Proposed semester to be offered	Second Semester		
Programmes in which module will be offered	BA (2101 & 2612), LLB (7161 & 7171) and all non-EMS students requiring the module as an elective		
Year Level	1		
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the political context in which the South African government functions, including South Africa's transition to democracy. • Analyse political party policies and elections in post-apartheid South Africa. • Understand South Africa's position in a regional and international context. • Analyse the environment as a political issue and policy problem of sustainable development generally and in South Africa specifically. • Compare the central ideas of green political thought, e.g. ecologism and environmental justice. • Provide a typology of environmental groups and an analysis of their impact. • Describe governmental and corporate responses to environmental problems, e.g. international climate change agreements to reduce greenhouse gasses. 		
Main Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Africa's political transition from apartheid to democracy • South African political parties (policies and historical foundations) • Trends in South African elections since 1994 • The South African political economy and its regional and global context • Introduction to environmental politics and environmental sustainability as a policy issue in South Africa • Green political thought (ecologism/environmentalism) • Environmental groups (green parties and activist groups) • Political challenges of responses to environmental questions (at the South African and international political level) 		
Pre-requisite modules	None		
Co-requisite modules	None		
Prohibited module Combinations	GOV132; ESS112		
Breakdown of Learning Time	Hours	Timetable Requirement per week	Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
Contact with lecturer/ tutor:	42	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	3
Assignments & tasks:	30	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0
Practical's:	0	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	1

Assessment:	8			
Self-study:	70			
Other: Please specify	0			
Total Learning Time	150			
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 50% Final Assessment (FA): 50%			
Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)			