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Business and Global Environmental Change

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Department of Applied Finance

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General Information

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

(Admission to MActPrac or MFin or MSusDev) or ACST603 or ACST6003 or AFIN6012 or AFIN613 or AFIN6013 or ECON649 or ECON6049 or ECON991 or ECON8091

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit is designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of the sustainability challenges facing organisations, and to highlight business risks and opportunities that are emerging as a consequence of global environmental change. Furthermore, the unit is designed to enable students to challenge the status quo of "business-as-usual" and to search for innovative solutions to some of the pressing issues impacting organisations, including changes in ecological parameters through climate change, more frequent and/or severe extreme weather events and natural resource scarcity. The unit seeks to use frame-breaking approaches to problem solving and the development of organisational strategies.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

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

ULO1: Explain the range of challenges organisations are facing resulting from changing environmental conditions.

ULO2: Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of policy development related to sustainability and climate change.

ULO3: Consider the rational and process for undertaking a greenhouse gas/carbon emission and energy audit.

ULO4: Use a framework to help identify the innovation and response needs of an organisation.

ULO5: Work productively in a group to prepare and present a research project.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Individual Reflective Writing	10%	No	Week 11
Individual Research Report	50%	No	Week 13
Quiz	10%	No	Week 5 in Class
Group Report	30%	No	Week 10 in Class

Individual Reflective Writing

Assessment Type **1**: Reflective Writing

Indicative Time on Task **2**: 6 hours

Due: **Week 11**

Weighting: **10%**

Students will be required to complete an individual reflective writing piece.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the range of challenges organisations are facing resulting from changing environmental conditions.
- Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of policy development related to sustainability and climate change.
- Consider the rational and process for undertaking a greenhouse gas/carbon emission and energy audit.
- Use a framework to help identify the innovation and response needs of an organisation.

Individual Research Report

Assessment Type **1**: Report

Indicative Time on Task **2**: 27 hours

Due: **Week 13**

Weighting: **50%**

Students will undertake research on an agreed topic and produce a research report. The report should not exceed 3,500 words.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the range of challenges organisations are facing resulting from changing environmental conditions.
- Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of policy development related to sustainability and climate change.
- Consider the rational and process for undertaking a greenhouse gas/carbon emission and energy audit.
- Use a framework to help identify the innovation and response needs of an organisation.

Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 3 hours

Due: **Week 5 in Class**

Weighting: **10%**

Please use the quiz result as an indicator of whether you are progressing satisfactorily in the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the range of challenges organisations are facing resulting from changing environmental conditions.
- Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of policy development related to sustainability and climate change.

Group Report

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 19 hours

Due: **Week 10 in Class**

Weighting: **30%**

Students will form groups to work on a research project and produce a group report.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Explain the range of challenges organisations are facing resulting from changing environmental conditions.
- Critically evaluate the strengths and limitations of policy development related to sustainability and climate change.
- Consider the rationale and process for undertaking a greenhouse gas/carbon emission and energy audit.
- Use a framework to help identify the innovation and response needs of an organisation.
- Work productively in a group to prepare and present a research project.

¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Face to face block workshops

Learning materials to be provided on iLearn

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about

throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

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Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

The Writing Centre

[The Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.