

**Summary Information**

<b>Module Code</b>	7502CATSCI
<b>Formal Module Title</b>	Introduction to the Politics and Economics of the Environment
<b>Owning School</b>	Biological and Environmental Sciences
<b>Career</b>	Postgraduate Taught
<b>Credits</b>	15
<b>Academic level</b>	FHEQ Level 7
<b>Grading Schema</b>	50

**Module Contacts**

**Module Leader**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Colm Bowe	Yes	N/A

**Module Team Member**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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**Partner Module Team**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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**Teaching Responsibility**

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

## Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Centre for Alternative Technology

## Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	10
Seminar	10
Workshop	10

## Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	12 Weeks

## Aims and Outcomes

<b>Aims</b>	a) Introduce students to roles of power, policy, and economic structures in producing crises, and conditioning our responses to them. Apply an interdisciplinary, critical approach to examine how unequal power relations have been constructed and their environmental and societal consequences. b) Consider the consequences for society of unsustainable governance of nature and the built environment. c) Understand the political dimensions of environmental change and emerging economic imaginaries.
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## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the political, social, economic, resource and environmental contexts and processes relating to transformational change and resilience.
MLO2	Apply a critical understanding of the embeddedness of political, social and economic systems across geographical and economic scales.
MLO3	Critically reflect on the fundamental role(s) of existing socioeconomic structures and relations in producing social, economic, ecological, and climate crises, and evaluate strategies for transformational change.
MLO4	Critically discuss and apply different perspectives, values, and forms of knowledge in relation to understanding resilience and affecting change.

## Module Content

### Outline Syllabus

Students will be introduced to concepts such as power, authority, and value, while putting an emphasis on how we identify and work towards meaningful and transformative change. The module will provide some theoretical underpinnings to understanding the importance of political and economic systems to transformational change. It will draw on current and historic social and environmental debates and events to illustrate the application of a range of critical analytical approaches, such as political ecology, discourse, global political economics, and policy studies. It will cover:

- Political and economic tools for change;
- Environmental justice and inequalities;
- Environment and systems change across global, national, and local scales;
- Realising alternative economic futures;
- Theoretical tools for understanding environmental problems and acting on them.

### Module Overview

#### Additional Information

This module is available onsite or at distance.

### Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Transformational strategy	100	0	MLO3, MLO1, MLO4, MLO2