

# HUMN 1015 DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101572

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**Description** The subject introduces the basic concepts relating to sustainability and development, and explores their relevance to real-world situations at the local, national, and global levels. The causes of unsustainability as well as their short-term and long-term effects on society and the environment will be evaluated. Students will analyse, using appropriate sustainability indicators and social change theories, a social change initiative (i.e., program, project, policy) designed to integrate the socio-economic, cultural and environmental dimensions of sustainability within the context of a specific developmental focus (e.g. poverty alleviation, gender equality, human/social development, heritage conservation, biodiversity, tourism, green accounting, sustainable livelihoods). Students will engage in problem-based learning skills in order to critically analyse and discuss current issues in development, and provide solutions to sustainability.

**School** Social Sciences

**Discipline** Human Geography

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** HUMN 1040 Peace Sustainability and World Futures

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify the core concepts and practice of sustainability and development
2. Identify and assess current issues/problems in achieving sustainable development, including their causes and impacts
3. Apply theories in the sustainable practice of various types/categories of development (i.e. social, cultural, economic, environmental)
4. Apply sustainable indicators in the analysis of social change initiatives designed to promote sustainable development
5. Demonstrate skills in problem-solving, in oral and written communications

## Subject Content

1. Core concepts/theories about sustainability and development
2. Major issues concerning the sustainability of developmental initiatives and their effects on the socio-economic and cultural aspects of society
3. Major issues concerning the sustainability of the natural environment
4. Evaluation of social/cultural, environmental, and economic elements of development for sustainability
5. Alternative technologies and sustainable living/livelihoods
6. Basic social change theories and practice

7. Sustainability indicators of development at different temporal and spatial scales

8. Barriers to sustainability

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Intra-term Exam	1000 words, 1 hour	40	N	Individual
Report	1800 words	40	N	Individual
Presentation	10 minutes per group, equivalent of 200 words per person	20	N	Group

Teaching Periods

### Spring (2022) Penrith (Kingswood)

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