Course Outline

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Session Time:
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Overview of the Course

This course will provide a theoretical and practical examination of environmental assessment processes. The course explores the evolution of ecological and social impact assessment, and the major components within such processes including scoping, use of alternatives, significance and trade-offs, public consultation, mitigation and monitoring. Ongoing challenges and efforts to address these including cumulative effects, strategic and sustainability assessment will also be addressed.

Objectives

1. To provide the conceptual and theoretical basis for environmental assessment.
2. To present and evaluate current environmental assessment research to promote research competence.
3. To provide students with the necessary skills to be able to participate in environmental assessment processes.

Evaluation

Assignment 1: Preparing design guidelines for an Environmental Assessment case - 50%

Assignment 2 – Workshop on a relevant issue of environmental assessment (e.g. alternatives, scoping) or informative case - 30% presentation, 20% written report on workshop design, delivery and outcomes.