



Module Descriptor

Title	Pest Management		
Session	2024/25	Status	Published
Code	BIOL10015	SCQF Level	10
Credit Points	20	ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)	10
School	Health and Life Sciences		
Module Co-ordinator	Richard Thacker		

Summary of Module

The module begins with a consideration of pest species ecological characteristics, particularly in relation to the r-K continuum and in relation to the synoptic model of population growth. A review of the damage caused by both vertebrate and invertebrate pests is presented along with the methods that are used to measure and assess pest species damage. The economics of pest management strategies are described particularly in relation to the use of economic thresholds for decision-making purposes. The process of pest management for both vertebrates and invertebrates is then described from a systems perspective. Vertebrate pests considered comprise deer, foxes, moles, mice, rabbits and rats in both urban and rural environments. The importance of many vertebrates as vectors of pathogenic species is discussed. Invertebrate pests considered comprise pests of the major global agricultural ecosystems, i.e. cereals, cotton orchards and rice. Special mention is also given to pest control in enclosed environments like greenhouses. As part of the above, the module describes the different approaches that can be taken to pest control, i.e. chemical, biological, and cultural. During the module students will construct a computer-based economic model of pest population development for decision-making purposes. The module is taught using a blend of lectures and computer laboratories.

This module will work to develop a number of the key “I am UWS” Graduate Attributes to make those who complete the module (e.g.) Universal Work Ready Successful. these will include students who complete the module being; Analytical, Inquiring, Digitally literate, Autonomous, Problem-solver, Research-minded, effective communicator, Collaborative, Resilient and Driven.

Module Delivery Method	On-Campus¹ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hybrid² <input type="checkbox"/>	Online³ <input type="checkbox"/>	Work -Based Learning⁴ <input type="checkbox"/>		
Campuses for Module Delivery	<input type="checkbox"/> Ayr <input type="checkbox"/> Dumfries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lanarkshire <input type="checkbox"/> London <input type="checkbox"/> Paisley	<input type="checkbox"/> Online / Distance Learning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Term 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 2 – Term 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Term 3 – Term 1	<input type="checkbox"/>

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Describe the origins and background associated with pest management theory.
L2	Describe in detail the ecological characteristics and problems caused by world’s major vertebrate and invertebrate pests.
L3	Describe the range of options that are available for ameliorating the inimical effects of most common pest species.
L4	Construct a computer-based mathematical model of pest population development that can be used for decision-making purposes.
L5	Describe Pest Management in operation in cotton, rice and orchard ecosystems.

Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	SCQF 10 Understanding the core theories and principles associated with the pest management process for both vertebrates and invertebrates
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	SCQF 10 The ability to use computer-based software to develop models of pest population development The ability to identify and describe pest species damage and the steps that should be taken to minimize against such damage
Generic Cognitive skills	SCQF 10

¹ Where contact hours are synchronous/ live and take place fully on campus. Campus-based learning is focused on providing an interactive learning experience supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

² The module includes a combination of synchronous/ live on-campus and online learning events. These will be supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus and online contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

³ Where all learning is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies and the participants can engage in all learning activities through these means. All required contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

⁴ Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace. All required contact hours, whether online or on campus, will be clearly articulated to students

	Undertake critical analysis of the problems caused by pest species and offer solutions to such problems
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	SCQF 10 Use of software for data analysis and presentation Interpret graphical data particularly in relation to changes in pest density and make informed decisions concerning dealing with pests
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	SCQF 10 Understand some of the ethical and professional issue associated with the process of pest management Work with others in practical computer laboratories

Prerequisites	Module Code BIOL09013	Module Title Entomology & Parasitology
	Other	
Co-requisites	Module Code	Module Title

Learning and Teaching	
In line with current learning and teaching principles, a 20-credit module includes 200 learning hours, normally including a minimum of 36 contact hours and maximum of 48 contact hours.	
Learning Activities During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	Student Learning Hours (Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Lecture / Core Content Delivery	24
Laboratory / Practical Demonstration / Workshop	24
Independent Study	152
Please select	
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Please select	
TOTAL	200

Indicative Resources
The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes: Recent research articles to support delivery will be made available on our VLE
(N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)

Attendance and Engagement Requirements

In line with the [Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure](#), Students are academically engaged if they are regularly attending and participating in timetabled on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, course-related learning resources, and complete assessments and submit these on time.

For the purposes of this module, academic engagement equates to the following:

Attendance on-campus at all classes

Equality and Diversity

The University's Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Procedure can be accessed at the following link: [UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Code](#).

(N.B. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate any equality and diversity issues brought to the attention of the School)

Supplemental Information

Divisional Programme Board	Biological Sciences Health
Overall Assessment Results	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass / Fail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Graded
Module Eligible for Compensation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If this module is eligible for compensation, there may be cases where compensation is not permitted due to programme accreditation requirements. Please check the associated programme specification for details.
School Assessment Board	Biological Sciences and Health
Moderator	Mhairi Alexander
External Examiner	John Spicer
Accreditation Details	
Module Appears in CPD catalogue	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Changes / Version Number	2.10

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)**Assessment 1**

Essays (60%)

Assessment 2

Computer Model and Quizzes (40%)

Assessment 3

(N.B. (i) Assessment Outcomes Grids for the module (one for each component) can be found below which clearly demonstrate how the learning outcomes of the module will be assessed.

(ii) An indicative schedule listing approximate times within the academic calendar when assessment is likely to feature will be provided within the Student Module Handbook.)

Component 1							
Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
Essays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	60	3

Component 2							
Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
Computer Model and Quizzes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	40	17

Component 3							
Assessment Type	LO1	LO2	LO3	LO4	LO5	Weighting of Assessment Element (%)	Timetabled Contact Hours
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Combined total for all components						100%	hours

Change Control

What	When	Who