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Responsible ecotourism management 714 (TBE 714)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Module credits	20.00
Programmes	BComHons Tourism Management
	BSocSciHons Heritage and Cultural Tourism
	BScHons Geography and Environmental Science
	BScHons Geoinformatics
	BScHons Meteorology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 1 other contact session per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Division of Tourism Management
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

This module focuses on managing ecotourism (including the natural and cultural resource base) following ecoprinciples and guidelines in order to provide a framework for sustainable/responsible tourism development in response to community needs within the Southern African context. The concepts of ecotourism, alternative tourism, responsible tourism and geotourism are debated. The management of ecotourism is studied from a theoretical perspective addressing issues such as the planning, design and sustainable development of ecofacilities and spaces; co-creation and the experienced tourist; the greening of the environment; and managing sustainable events; against the backdrop of climate change using local, national and international case studies. The aim is to provide students with a holistic perspective of ecotourism and to hone their entrepreneurial view to issues within this arena in order to apply sustainable eco-principles to various situations, ranging from green architectural structures and spaces to sustainable community and pro-poor tourism projects.

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