

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Environment, society, and development 757 (SOC 757)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	25.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BSocSciHons in Geography option Geography and Environmental Science BSocSciHons specialising in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies BSocSciHons specialising in Sociology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Sociology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module aims to provide students with comprehensive conceptual, theoretical and empirical skills to comprehend issues at the nexus of the environment, society and development. Etched in environmental and natural resource governance, extractivism and development, as well as sustainability, the module endeavours to unravel the roots of environmental degradation, natural resources conflicts, environmental injustice, and how different actors, in society and globally, contribute or respond to these challenges. The module unpacks these issues using theoretical aspects of political ecology, political economy, coloniality and sustainable development. While focusing on environmental issues in Africa, the module engages with broader global developments, in particular, relations between the Global North and Global South.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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Regulations, degree requirements and information

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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