**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL**

**FACULTY OF TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND LANGUAGES**

**BACHELOR OF LEISURE, EVENTS & HOTEL MANAGEMENT**

**LEISURE AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT OPTION**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**ACADEMIC YEAR** 2025/2026

**YEAR**  TWO

**COURSE**  **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN LEISURE MANAGEMENT**

**COURSE CODE** **LHM 2127**

CREDIT UNITS 3

**COURSE FACILITATORS:** Assoc. Prof. Samuel Dawa

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**Course description**

This course explores the critical environmental challenges impacting the leisure and hospitality industry. Students will examine the relationship between leisure activities and environmental sustainability, focusing on strategies for minimizing negative impacts while enhancing positive contributions to environmental conservation. The course will cover topics such as climate change, resource management, sustainable practices, and environmental policy as they relate to leisure management.

**Course Objectives**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the key environmental issues affecting the leisure industry.
2. Analyze the impact of leisure activities on the environment.
3. Evaluate sustainable practices and their application in leisure management.
4. Develop strategies for reducing the environmental footprint of leisure operations.
5. Discuss the role of policy and regulation in promoting environmental sustainability in leisure management.

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify and explain the key environmental issues affecting the leisure and hospitality industry
2. Analyze the environmental impact of various leisure activities and assess how these activities contribute to or mitigate environmental challenges.
3. Evaluate and apply sustainable practices within leisure management to minimize the environmental footprint of leisure operations.
4. Engage effectively with communities to promote environmental stewardship and foster collaboration in conservation efforts.
5. Analyze current challenges and anticipate future trends in environmental management within the leisure industry.

**Course Content**

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| **Topic** | **Sub topic** | **Hours** |
| **Introduction to environmental issues in leisure management** | * Overview of leisure management and its environmental implications * The role of the hospitality industry in environmental sustainability * Introduction to key concepts: sustainability, environmental impact, and conservation | 6 hours |
| **Climate change and leisure management** | * Understanding climate change and its effects on leisure activities * The impact of climate change on tourism and recreation * Mitigation and adaptation strategies in the leisure industry | 6 hours |
| **Resource management in leisure operations** | * Water and energy management in leisure facilities * Waste management practices in hospitality and leisure * Case studies on resource efficiency in leisure operations | 6 hours |
| **COURSEWORK 1** | | |
| **Biodiversity and conservation in leisure environments** | * The importance of biodiversity in leisure destinations * Conservation efforts and their impact on leisure management * Balancing development and conservation in leisure settings | 6 hours |
| **Sustainable practices in leisure management** | * Principles of sustainable tourism and recreation * Implementing sustainable practices in leisure operations * Certifications and eco-labels in the hospitality industry | 6 hours |
| **Community involvement and environmental stewardship** | * Engaging communities in environmental conservation efforts * Community-based tourism and its environmental benefits * Strategies for fostering environmental stewardship among leisure participants | 3 hours |
| **Challenges and future trends in environmental management** | * Current challenges in managing environmental issues in leisure * Emerging trends and innovations in environmental sustainability * Future outlook for environmental management in the leisure industry | 3 hours |
| **COURSEWORK 2** | | |

**Delivery methods:**

* Straight lectures
* Group Discussions
* Elearning

**Assessment:**

(i) Take-home Assignment 15%

(ii) Test 15 %

Final Examination 70 %

**Total Assessment 100 %**

**Reading List**

Broadhurst, R. (2002). *Managing environments for leisure and recreation*. Routledge.

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