

## ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MODULAR SCHEME

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Module code <b>4036</b>	Module title <b>Sustainable Livelihoods</b>	Module leader <b>Dr R Baines</b>
Module level <b>7</b>	Module credits <b>15</b>	Pre-requisites <b>None</b>
Minimum study time <b>150 hours</b>	Contact hours within study time <b>62</b>	Teaching period <b>October - Mar Thursday pm</b>
<p><b>Module content:</b> An evaluation of the sustainable livelihoods approach to sustainable development compared to other development models and approaches through case study analysis. This module is closely linked to related strategic development workshops (on SEA, EIA and Due Diligence) and applies the principles of sustainability to case studies from a range of climatic zones.</p> <p><b>Module Outcomes:</b> Students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluate development models and strategies, including the sustainable livelihoods approach.</li> <li>2. Identify key issues (institutional, economic, environmental, social and cultural) and stakeholders in relation to sustainable development projects.</li> <li>3. Evaluate strengths/limitations and costs/benefits of existing or proposed actions (policy, programme, plan or project) including the 'do nothing' scenario or baseline condition.</li> <li>4. Identify and evaluate further actions considered necessary and the likely future scenarios they may create.</li> </ol>		
<b>Assessment:</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
<b>Coursework</b>	Induction team project	10%
	Individual case study presentations	50%
	Sustainable livelihoods essay	40%
<p><b>Key Texts (students should be familiar with the content of at least one of the following):</b>  VOSTI, S.A. &amp; REARDON, T. (1997). <i>Sustainability, growth and poverty alleviation</i>. John Hopkins.  THERIVEL, <i>et al.</i> (1992). <i>Strategic Environmental Assessment</i>. Earthscan.  GILG, A. W. (1996). <i>Countryside Planning</i>. Routledge.</p> <p><b>Journals:</b>  FARRINGTON, J., CHAPMAN, R. &amp; SLAYMAKER, T. (2001). Sustainable livelihoods approaches in practice: potentials and constraints. Overseas Development Institute online. <a href="http://www.livelihoods.org/info/docs/SIDA_SLAs.doc">www.livelihoods.org/info/docs/SIDA_SLAs.doc</a>  Environmental Assessment; Environmental Liability, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management; JPEL</p>		