

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MODULAR SCHEME

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Module code 4080	Module title Development Project Management	Module leader Dr Richard Baines
School which owns module	School of Agriculture	
Programme(s) to which module belongs	MSc International Rural Development (core)	
Module level 7	Module credits 15	Pre-requisites None
Minimum study time 150 hours	Contact hours within study time 60	Teaching period October: 2 day project management workshop January – April: Wednesdays am
<p>Module content</p> <p>This module evaluates development paradigms and strategies ranging from missionaries and technical-sectoral assistance, through differing extension landscapes, to people centred development and participatory approaches. The module also develops project management skills through a series of CPD workshops and exercises that will explore the key skills required being an effective project manager. Two team projects are developed; the IRD student seminar on an important rural development theme and the publication of one edition of IRD Matters, the annual newsletter of the IRD programme. This is followed by a small team competitive tendering project that challenges teams to bid to carry out a development project.</p>		
<p>Module outcomes</p> <p>To achieve credit for this module, students must be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define models and strategies of development in relation to their ability to embrace sustainability concepts and the aspirations of stakeholders. 2. Define the key stages and team roles in project life cycles and apply to projects from initial proposal, through to completion and review. 3. Evaluate approaches to community extension and stakeholder participation and develop a fully costed development proposal. 		
Assessment	Description	Weighting
Coursework	Project management skills (seminar and IRD Matters)	50%
	Devising and costing a development project (competitive tendering exercise)	40%
	Development advice case study – Tucano Indians	10%

Key Texts

Students should be familiar with the content of at least one of the following:

Dalal-Clayton, B. and Bass, S. (2002). *Sustainable Development Strategies: A Resource Book*. Earthscan Publications.

Bigg, T. (2004). *Survival for a Small Planet: The Sustainable Development Agenda*. Earthscan publications.

Mantel, S. (2001). *Project Management in Practice*. John Wiley and Sons.

Pyron, T. et al. (1998). *Sams Teach Yourself Microsoft Project 98 in 24 Hours*. SAMS. A Division of Macmillan Computer Publishing. ISBN 0-672-31258-1.

Bruce, A. and Langdon, K. (2000). *Project Management*. Doring Kindersley. ISBN 0-7513-2793-X.

Turner, R.J. (2003). *People in Project Management*. Gower Publishing.

Therivel et al. (1992). *Strategic Environmental Assessment*. Earthscan.

Gilg, A. W. (1996). *Countryside Planning*. Routledge.

Journals

Farrington, J., Chapman, R. and Slaymaker, T. (2001). *Sustainable Livelihoods. Approaches in Practice: Potentials and Constraints*. Overseas Development Institute online <www.livelihoods.org/info/docs/SIDA_SLAs.doc>

Environmental Assessment; Environmental Liability, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management.