

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MODULAR SCHEME

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Module code 4043	Module title Rural Asset Management	Module leader David Lewis
School which owns module	School of Real Estate and Land Management (RELM)	
Programme(s) to which module belongs	MSc Rural Estate Management (core)	
Module level 7	Module credits 15	Pre-requisites None
Minimum study time 150 hours	Contact hours within study time 30	Teaching period October- May
<p>Module content:</p> <p>The purpose of the module is to develop analytical techniques and problem solving skills that can be applied to the management of rural property and integrate the technical skills developed in other modules. Appraisal of estate management objectives; appraisal of rural buildings; identification of building defects and preparation of schedules of work; alternative uses of rural buildings and other rural estate assets and preparation of rural asset plans.</p> <p>Students will be taught to appraise and evaluate rural property and estate assets, analyse arguments and assumptions, to reach sound judgements in order to achieve a solution, or to identify a range of solutions, to problems involving the deployment and management of rural property assets and to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions effectively.</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. Assess common defects of rural buildings and prepare schedules of work. 2. Appraise alternative uses of rural buildings and other estate assets. 3. Assess landowners' objectives and devise strategic plans for rural estates to maximise property and other assets. 4. Advise landowners on the implementation of estate plans. 5. Apply knowledge of key subject areas in a practical context on a rural estate. 		
Assessment	Description	Weighting
Coursework	2 case studies	100%
Examination	N/A	N/A
<p>Key Texts (students should be familiar with the content of at least one of the following):</p> <p>Estates Gazette. <i>Forum for the Future</i> (July 2006). 'Rural Estate Sustainability: Leading by</p>		

Example'

Nix, J. *et al.* (2003) *Land and Estate Management*. (4th edition). Packard Publishing.

Prag, P. (2002) *Rural Diversification*. (2nd edition). Estates Gazette. RICS. The Land Journal.

Sayers, J. (Sept. 2005) *The Future of Rural Land Management: Annual Fellowship in Rural Land Management*. No. 1. RAC & RICS.