

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE MODULAR SCHEME

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Module Code 4031	Module Title Rural Policy and Implementation	Module Leader Katharine Foot
School which owns module	School of 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 45	Teaching Period October-May
<p>Module Content</p> <p>In general, the module aims to establish the range of rural policies that are likely to influence rural estate management and to examine the opportunities that they offer and the constraints that they impose. Particular emphasis will be placed on the implementation of policy and its impact on the operational activities of rural estate managers. In terms of subject content, there will be a focus on agricultural policy reflecting the position of agriculture as the dominant land use and its importance in rural estate management. Wildlife, landscape, recreational and other environmental and sustainability interests are also examined and their impact for countryside management assessed.</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. Trace the evolution of rural policies and establish the main influences involved. 2. Identify and understand the rural policies that are of relevance to rural estate management. 3. Examine the impact of rural policies on operational land management. 4. Forecast future policy change and initiatives and the likely implications. 		
Assessment	Description	Weighting
Coursework	Evaluation of a selected rural policy	50%
Examination	3 hour paper	50%
<p>Key Texts:</p> <p>Students should be familiar with the content of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission for Rural Communities (2010). <i>The State of the Countryside 2010</i> [online]. Commission for Rural Communities. Available from: http://www.defra.gov.uk/crc/documents/state-of-the-countryside-report/ 2. Department for Communities and Local Government (2010). <i>Decentralisation and The Localism Bill: An Essential Guide</i> [online]. HM Government. Available from: http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/decentralisationguide 3. Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (2010). <i>Foresight: Land Use Futures: Making The Most of Land in the 21st Century</i> [online]. DBIS. Available from: http://www.bis.gov.uk/foresight/our-work/projects/published-projects/land-use-futures 4. Soffe, R. (ed.) (2005). <i>The Countryside Notebook</i>. Blackwell Publishing. 		