Tutorial Letter 101/3/2021

Sustainability and Greed

SUS1501

Semesters 1 and 2

Department Applied Management

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please register on myUnisa, activate your myLife email address and make sure that you have regular access to the myUnisa module website, SUS1501-2021-S1/S2, as well as your group website.

Note: This is a fully online module and therefore it is only available on myUnisa.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Dear Student

Welcome to the module Sustainability and Greed.

Warning: This is a crazy module!

Our basic commitment in this module is the following:

If by the end of this module you have not:

- wondered whether you are registered for the wrong degree;
- wondered whether your lecturers have lost their marbles;
- wondered whether you have lost your marbles;
- had to go for a walk to clear your mind;
- wondered what the point of all this stuff is; or
- wondered what the point of everything is;

well then you need to check that you have a pulse!

This module is meant to confuse you. It's meant to force you to scratch your head. It's meant to force you to question things and to wonder. In short, it's meant to force you to THINK.

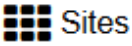
Intrigued? Well read on.....

1.1 Getting started …

Part of the craziness is that this is a fully online module.

Because of this, you must go online to see your study materials and to do all that you need to do to pass the module.

Specifically you need to go to the website https://my.unisa.ac.za. If you have never logged on to this before you will need to claim your Unisa login as we describe below under "Joining myUnisa". If you have already done this, you will need to login with your student number and password.

myUnisa is Unisa's online campus and so once you have logged in you will see a list of all the modules for which you are registered. These will appear in the bar of sites listed across the top of your myUnisa web page. You may need to press the "

" button to see all of them.

One of these will have a code which looks something like this:

SUS1501-21-S1-<*some number*>T (e.g. SUS1501-21-S1-100T)

or

SUS1501-21-S2-<*some number*>T (e.g. SUS1501-21-S2-100T)

This is your Sustainability and Greed group site. Once you have found your group site, you need to go to the “Overview” page and read this **carefully**. This will tell you what the next steps are.

WARNING: If you jump straight to the Assignments tool as many students seem to do, you will be completely lost and when you ask us where your assignments we are likely to bite your head off before we tell you!

2 PURPOSE OF SUS1501

The purpose of this signature module is for commerce students - that’s you - to be reminded of your humanity, and for you to begin a lifetime journey of critical thinking. This purpose is pursued by: a) you exploring selected moral and political philosophy theories and basic informal logic; and b) you applying these theories to “case studies” dealing with contemporary social themes including sustainability and greed.

3 LECTURER AND CONTACT DETAILS

3.1 Lecturer

The primary lecturer for this module is Prof Neil Eccles:

Department: Department Applied Management

Email: sus1501@unisa.ac.za

3.2 Teaching Assistants

In this module, you will be divided into groups of between 40 and 50 students and each group is assigned a Teaching Assistant. It is the Teaching Assistant’s job to guide you in the module. They will provide assistance and feedback on assignments, will facilitate discussions and will ultimately mark your assignments.

You will only be able to contact the teaching assistants through the public discussion forums on your group site.

3.3 Department

You can contact the Department Applied Management as follows:

Telephone number: 012 433 4696

Email: groensf@unisa.ac.za

3.4 University

To contact the University, follow the instructions in the brochure ***Study @ Unisa***. Remember to have your student number available whenever you contact the University.

Whenever you contact a lecturer, please include your student number and your group number to enable the lecturer to help you more effectively.

4 RESOURCES

4.1 Joining myUnisa

To go to the myUnisa website directly, go to https://my.unisa.ac.za. Click on the **Claim UNISA Login** on the top of the screen on the myUnisa website. You will then be prompted to give your student number in order to claim your initial myUnisa details, as well as your myLife email login details.

For more information on myUnisa, consult the brochure ***Study @ Unisa***, which you received with your study material: www.unisa.ac.za/brochures/studies

4.2 myLife email account

It is very important that you activate your myLife email address and monitor this for emails. Over the course of the semester important emails will be sent to you via this email address and it will be assumed that you have read them.

4.3 Library services and resources

The Unisa Library offers a range of information services and resources. For detailed Library information go to http://www.unisa.ac.za/sites/corporate/default/Library

The Library has created numerous Library guides available at http://libguides.unisa.ac.za

Recommended guides include:

- Request and download recommended material: http://libguides.unisa.ac.za/request/request
- Finding and using library resources and tools: http://libguides.unisa.ac.za/Research_skills
- Frequently asked questions about the Library: http://libguides.unisa.ac.za/ask
- Services to students living with disabilities: http://libguides.unisa.ac.za/disability

4.4 Student Support Services

The *Study @ Unisa* brochure is available on myUnisa: www.unisa.ac.za/brochures/studies

This brochure has all the tips and information you need to succeed at distance learning and, specifically, at Unisa.

5 HOW TO STUDY ONLINE

5.1 What does it mean to study fully online?

Ok – so this module is taught fully online. So what?

Well very simply this means that this is likely to be pretty different from your other modules at Unisa in the following three ways:

- ***All of your study materials and learning activities are online, on myUnisa***. In other words, there are no printed study materials from Unisa – no tutorial letters (except for this one) and no study guide. There is also no prescribed text book.

- ***All of your assignments must be submitted online***. This means that you do all your activities and submit all your assignments on myUnisa. In other words, you cannot post your assignments through the South African Post Office or drop them in an assignments box on a Unisa campus. Any assignments that are submitted as hard copies will simply be returned to you unmarked.

- ***Most of the communication between yourself and the university will also happen online*** – via your myLife email, and in the Discussion forums. Your lecturers and Teaching Assistants will communicate with you in the same way – through emails, with Announcements and in the Discussion forums.

5.2 The two module sites

Technically you will have **two** module sites for the module Sustainability and Greed:

- **Your group site:** This is the most important work space for this module. It is here that you will find all of your study material. It is also here that you will interact with your fellow students and your Teaching Assistant, and where you will submit all of your assignments. Your group site code will look as follows: SUS1501-21-S1-<s*ome number*>T

- **The module site:** The site code for this site will look as follows: SUS1501-21-S1. Essentially you should never need to go to this site. You may, however, from time to time get general announcements sent to your myLife email address from your Primary Lecturer from this site.

5.3 myUnisa tools

The first thing to do once you have accessed your group site will be to read the Welcome message on the **Overview** page very carefully.

Besides welcoming you again, this will point you in the direction of your **STUDY GUIDE**. Here, you will find the study materials for the module including both the theory that you must cover AND all of the instructions for tasks and assignments. The pages in the **STUDY GUIDE** open sequentially. In other words you cannot just jump around at will. You must work through the **STUDY GUIDE** page by page in the order that we present them. This is to ensure that you do not miss any vital information.

Other than this, you are likely to also make use of the following additional tools, particularly when it comes to submitting assignments:

- **Self Assessments tool**: This is where you will do your first assignment, the very important Crossroads assignment. It is pretty self-explanatory. You go to the "**Self Assessments**" tool and complete the multiple choice questions. Please don't forget to actually submit the assignment though.

- **Discussions tool**: This tool is the place for online discussions, where you share your ideas and insights with the other students in your group. Besides being a place where you can generally engage with the rest of your group, you will submit four assignments into various discussion forums.

- **Assignments tool**: Two of your assignments and your final "portfolio" assignment will involve you typing a written assignment. This typed assignment must be submitted using the online "**Assignments**" tool on myUnisa.

We hope that by giving you extra ways to study the material and practise all of the activities, you will succeed in the online module. To get the most out of the online module you **MUST** go online regularly to complete the activities and assignments on time.

6 ASSESSMENT

6.1 Assessment plan

There are a total of eight assignments in this module. **And** there is a final "portfolio" assignment which replaces the typical venue based examination.

The assignment due dates are as follows:

Assignment	**Semester 1** **Due date**	**Semester 2** **Due date**
Assignment 01 – At a Crossroads (ONLINE ASSESSMENT)	19 April*	4 October*
Assignment 02 – Rules is rules – Deontology (DISCUSSION)	**1 March**	**16 August**
Assignment 03 – It's all about consequences – Consequentialism (DISCUSSION)	12 March	27 August
Assignment 04 – Fair's Fair – Distributive justice (DISCUSSION)	15 March	30 August
Assignment 05 – Where do I fit in? – Virtue ethics (ASSIGNMENT)	26 March	10 September
Assignment 06 – Greenies – Environmental Ethics (DISCUSSION)	29 March	13 September
Assignment 07 – Sustainable Development? (DISCUSSION)	16 April	1 October

Assignment 08 – A darn good argument – Informal logic (ASSIGNMENT)	19 April	4 October
Final Portfolio – Assignment 09 (ASSIGNMENT)	9 May	20 October

* Note that Assignment 1 technically closes near the end of the semester and it will be graded as long as it is submitted before the deadline. **However**, the submission of assignment 1 is a precondition for all of the subsequent assignments so you must submit it before you begin the other assignments.

Because this is an online module, the assignments are not provided in this tutorial letter. Instead, the assignments are provided online as they become due.

Instructions for doing the assignments and the questions are available in the online STUDY GUIDE only.

6.2 Year mark and final examination/other options

The assignment mark allocations are as follows:

Assignment	**% of year mark**
Assignment 01 – At a Crossroads	12
Assignment 02 – Rules is rules – Deontology	10
Assignment 03 – It's all about consequences – Consequentialism	10
Assignment 04 – Fair's Fair – Distributive justice	12
Assignment 05 – Where do I fit in? – Virtue ethics	12
Assignment 06 – Greenies – Environmental Ethics	12
Assignment 07 – Sustainable Development?	16
Assignment 08 – A darn good argument – Informal logic	16

Final Portfolio – Assignment 09

The 8 assignments count a total of 80% of your overall final mark.

The "Final Portfolio" assignment (Assignment 09) counts 20% of your final mark.

To assist you in estimating your progress, there is a Mark Calculator in the **Additional Resources** tool on myUnisa.

CRITICAL ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Assignment deadlines:** Assignment deadlines are strictly adhered to. If your assignment is late you will get zero (0) unless you have a very good excuse with supporting evidence.

- **Plagiarism**: **Please note that copying in any form will not be tolerated**. This includes but is not limited to copying from your fellow students, from the internet, or from the study guide. Please read the study guide section on plagiarism carefully to ensure that you do not fall foul of this rule. If we detect any copying whatsoever you will be given zero (0) for your assignment immediately.

- You **must** do your final portfolio even if you have accumulated enough marks in your assignments to pass. If you do not, you will be marked as “Absent from exam” and you will fail the module. If your submission is successful an acknowledgement email will be sent to your myLife email. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THIS YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED.

- If you get less than 40% for your final portfolio, your year mark will not be included into your final grade.

7 CONCLUSION

That’s all for this TUT101 I think. Please don’t hesitate to contact us by email if you are experiencing problems with the content of this tutorial letter or with any academic aspect of the module.

We wish you a fascinating and satisfying journey through the learning material and trust that you will complete the module successfully.

Enjoy the journey!

Neil

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