

## Sustainable Development\_GEOG30019\_2017\_SM1 - 2070 - SES Subject Report

SES - First Half 2017

### Subject Details

<b>Name</b>	Sustainable Development_GEOG30019_2017_SM1
<b>Subject_ID</b>	GEOG30019_2017_SM1
<b>Subject_Code</b>	GEOG30019
<b>Subject_Version_Number</b>	2
<b>Term</b>	2017
<b>Study_Period_Code_Description</b>	Semester 1
<b>Campus_Description</b>	Parkville
<b>Subject_Availability_Number</b>	1
<b>Course_Name</b>	Sustainable Development
<b>Survey_Start_Date</b>	5/15/2017 12:00:00 AM
<b>Survey_End_Date</b>	6/4/2017 11:59:00 PM
<b>Org_Unit</b>	2070
<b>Org_Unit_Name</b>	Geography and Resource Management
<b>Parent_Org_Unit_Code</b>	6030
<b>Parent_Org_Unit_Name</b>	Science
<b>Enrolled_Students</b>	255
<b>Template</b>	SCI-Standard (3 additional Qs)

**Creation Date** Tue, Aug 29, 2017

## Subject Report - Response Rate

This report block tabulates the number of students who were invited, the number of students who responded and the response rate percentage.

Raters	Students
Responded	78
Invited	226
Response Ratio	34.51%

## Subject Level - Standard Questions - Aggregate Statistics

This report block displays a table with multiple statistics, including 'Response Count' and 'Response Ratio Percentage' for each question, numbers who said 'Strongly Disagree, Disagree, Neutral, Agree, Strongly Agree', plus 'Mean', 'Standard Deviation' and 'Standard Error' for the question. The percentages are based on the number of students that have completed the survey.

	Resp. #	Resp. %	Freq(1)	Freq(2)	Freq(3)	Freq(4)	Freq(5)	Mean	Std. Dev.	Std. Err.
1. Overall, the experience gained through this subject has been intellectually stimulating	77	34.07 %	2	5	9	28	33	4.10	1.02	0.12
2. Overall, this subject has been well co-ordinated	77	34.07 %	1	5	9	36	26	4.05	0.92	0.10
3. Overall, this subject has been supported by useful learning resources	76	33.63 %	2	5	12	35	22	3.92	0.98	0.11
4. Overall, this subject has been well-taught	77	34.07 %	2	3	12	38	22	3.97	0.92	0.10
5. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I have been required to work at a high standard	77	34.07 %	1	3	7	35	31	4.19	0.86	0.10
6. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I found the assessment tasks useful in guiding my study	77	34.07 %	2	5	19	33	18	3.78	0.97	0.11
7. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I received valuable feedback on my progress	77	34.07 %	3	4	18	30	22	3.83	1.03	0.12
8. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I learnt new ideas, approaches and/or skills	77	34.07 %	3	7	4	37	26	3.99	1.06	0.12
9. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I learnt to apply knowledge to practice	77	34.07 %	2	8	11	40	16	3.78	0.98	0.11
10. Focusing on my own learning in this subject, I have been part of a group committed to learning	76	33.63 %	1	5	15	28	27	3.99	0.97	0.11

## 11. What were the best aspects of this subject?

This report block lists all comments entered by students.

Comments
I really really enjoyed this subject. I thought the assignments were all really valuable and we were well prepared for them by the tutorial discussions. I thought the weekly quizzes were really useful and thought the selection of readings were really really interesting. I also liked how we didn't get many really really really long readings, i found the work load far more manageable and enjoyable.
The analysis of sustainable development provided through the lectures and readings. This was nuanced and constructive, and I think points in the right direction. Some of Brian's lectures had moments of real insight, which made this subject worthy of being the capstone for my major. It summed everything up and brought it together to ask so where do we go from here? So thanks Brian for that, I do feel I learned things through this subject.
I loved a lot of the readings. Some real meaty stuff. Great.
I enjoyed the tute format to a degree. It makes them go fast and everyone at least has to ask a question which is means you get a range of viewpoints and perceptions. Also get to actually talk to your classmates.
I really appreciated Paula's teaching. She was approachable and knew her stuff and was a breath of fresh air compared to the bro dude vibes of the rest of the teaching staff.
Guest lecture. Framing topic
I found the teaching of my tutor Pete to be highly effective, he was both supportive of and challenging our views and opinions. Brian's lectures were also very well delivered.
I liked the tutorials, and the fact we had to hand in the reflections on each tutorial every week, it helped to ensure we stayed up to date throughout the semester.
The tutorials were engaging and lectures were interesting
the lectures
The content matter was pretty interesting
Quite like this kind of self-learning subject.
The way that it makes you think about sustainable development differently, also the honesty of the subject. Some of the initial readings were quite interesting.
I liked the structure of the tutorials and lectures. In the tutorials we are required to read the text for the week, put forward a question based on the text in class and later submit a review on the discussion. I felt that this was a great way to keep students engaged and to develop the ideas.
I love the virtual tutorial session as someone with anxiety I felt it was a great alternative to class tutorials. The subject content was very interesting and it was my favorite subject this semester. The staff were very helpful and made course content easy to understand.
The lecturer was engaging and the assessment tasks tied in well to the readings.
BRIAN! he's an amazing lecturer, was too interesting to listen to his
Brian's teaching methods were engaging and facilitative of group discussion in lectures, which I felt worked well. The assessment structure was good, I felt motivated to study each week, and the quizzes ensured that tutorials were full of well-informed discussions. The reflections were less constructive, but I can see that some may have found them useful.
Structure of tutorials and request to bring one's own question made tutorials highly engaging! Paula was a lovely tutor and engaged with her students' learning well!
Tutorials were very intellectually stimulating, I enjoyed the discussion and learning various readings from diverse perspectives
lectures were well presented and engaging. quizzes were a good way of offering a different way of learning.
The content in the readings and the lectures was really interesting and well put together. I liked how the lectures/readings/tutorial discussion every week tied together really well, and I felt like all in all the subject was

## Comments

cohesive.

I also enjoyed the way the subject was taught, as it is one of the only subjects I have done at uni where I felt I was being treated as more than just a student. We had to do a lot of independent learning, and synthesise our own conclusions and arguments which I really enjoyed. The staff didn't hold our hands through the subject, which was difficult but also fun and exciting.

I liked the way the marks were spread out across the different assessments, and I think that there was a good range of both reflection and analysis in the work that we had to submit. The quizzes motivated me to read the readings closely, and meant that I was much better able to participate in the tutorials.

I really enjoyed the themes that were lectured on in the subject. I also really liked the assignments, were easy to understand and therefore made it enjoyable to complete them.

The assessment structure was really good, best I've had of all my university subjects. Really liked the weekly quizzes and reflections. A good way to engage us with the readings.

I like that we get constructive feedback during the tutorials, on our reflections and midterm essay.

The option of having the virtual tutorial was much appreciated as was the weekly quizzes.

It was good to discuss ideas in a group.

tutorials were engaging and well taught

Lecture content, flexibility in tutorial options

Discussion and communication

the tutorial discussions.

Brian is one of my favorite lecturers in my entire degree. He's very engaging and obviously considers what activities students would find particularly interesting in order to deliver the content in an exciting way.

I loved the tutorial. I was exposed to ideas and concepts that I had never considered before. The lecturer was amazing and very engaging. The tutor (TS) was also very engaging.

Brians lectures are amazing - I really find them engaging and stimulating.

I like the formats of the tutes, however they are largely dependent on whether the group you are with are engaged / have done the work - i was lucky enough to have this. Found the quizzes very useful too.

Paula the tutor. Could not rate her more highly as a tutor or human being.

– virtual tutorials and discussions, allows flexibility

- readings relevant to the topic

- mid-term essay topic was significant in subject, not difficult, not easy.

- engaging lecturer, does not make it boring, interacts with audience, puts a personal opinion and view of topics, encourages discussion

Brian's lectures were interactive and informative, I found this to be stimulating and useful when considering assessments and weekly readings. I enjoyed the structure of the tutorials as class discussions helped develop a better understanding of the content addressed in the readings.

the lectures - Brian was great and very engaging

I loved the weekly, ongoing mini assessments (quizzes and reflections). For me, this made the subject continuously engaging and definitely improved the quality of conversation that was sparked during tutorials. Overall I loved this subject and would take it again if I could!

i liked the readings that we did and the content was really interesting

virtual tutorial was good, the FAQ is useful, the lectures that had info on structure and citations were really good because no other subject actually teaches you it properly, the final essay question is great because we can write about something we are really interested in!

I felt more engaged to learn, especially with such an enthusiastic and engaged lecturer. Tutor was really helpful in providing advice and tips for assessment and unpacking weekly readings.

Everything. I like how well-coordinated the subject is, very clear and straight-forward. I felt that every part of this subject hones my academic skills. It was really annoying at first that we had to find the readings by ourselves, but once I got used to it, I really liked the process and it helps me to find articles better when I needed them. The quizzes really made

## Comments

me read the readings diligently, and I'm really grateful for that!

Plus, I really like how the readings and lectures work together to challenge my pre-assumptions as well as thinkings that I previously take for granted without questioning. My tutorial teacher (Tom S.) was really good at guiding discussions, and really helped us out when we're stuck. The reflection also made me think deeper into the topics introduced in each week, I really liked how we had different perspectives thrown at us at the start and then coming together towards the end.

The best aspect of this subject was having Brian Cook present the real, but often depressing state of affairs in Sustainable Development in lecture and then having my tutor Pete Kamstra give us examples of positive change or at least a different perspective to Brian.

i felt that mentally i was a very engaging subject, and approachable by students of all disciplines,

Some interesting perspectives.

making and bringing a question to the tutorials really help us to reflect on the readings

the most well co-ordinated subject ive EVER been a part of! I loved how tutorials were an open discussion and taught us to communicate with each other (something i feel is very much lacking these days). I really enjoyed discussing ideas and listening to a range of views and opinions. i think the quizzes were great for informing participation. Sad it's over, went too quick.

It's mentally stimulating, its relevant, its useful and its challenging

Brian is a fascinating lecturer and speaker, and I think quite a reasonable guy. Tom Savinge is also v. cool.

I think this was one of the best coordinated subjects I have ever taken. I loved how marks for the subject were spread across the whole semester as not only did it encourage me to do more than one reading a week, it also meant there was less pressure come exam/assessment weeks, and I could therefore take more risks in my assessments - making them more creative etc. without worrying that I would fail if these risks didn't pay off. It has by far been my favourite subject this semester. Thanks Brian!

Some of the readings contained very interesting and thought-provoking ideas.

The whole content was fascinating as I have not done a subject like that (I am science student majoring in anatomy) The tutorials were the best bit, although coming up with a question became harder and harder each week, as we learnt more, we realised we don't really have solutions

High quality readings, interesting tutorial discussions, well presented assessments, guest lecturers gave real world application and brians lecture style was stimulating and relevant.

Virtual Tutorials

Being able to discuss new ideas in the tutorial and sharing ideas with other people.

Throughout this semester, I referred to this subject as the most enjoyable subject I've ever taken at this university. I enjoyed all of it! The lecture and tute content, the discussion, the assessment tasks. The whole twelve weeks I felt like I was learning something worth learning. And I found myself always speaking to my friends and family about what discussion I had had in my sustainable development classes today. Thank you so much Dr. Cook and to my tutor Pete Kamstra for such an enjoyable twelve weeks!

Coming into this subject as a third-year student who has not particularly completed prior economics or geography subjects was a little challenging. However, I really appreciated the extent of knowledge that I have gained just by merely attending weekly lectures. Brian Cook was an inspiring and passionate lecturer, and that was very clear. The lecturer made every lecture have a sort of TED-Talk quality about them, which were very interactive, interesting and engaging. I also really enjoyed each of the guest lecturers, who were very stimulating to say the least. By the end of the semester, I feel as though I have grown up some more too, learning the full responsibility of our generation and the responsibility that we treat our planet and its environment with respect and some perspective. Assessment items were reasonable, although, on purpose were difficult and challenging, and in general, required a lot of thought, time and preparation.

Subject coordination and the lectures

I really enjoyed the lectures.

-the content was very interesting

-I was challenged to think in different ways to most of my other university subjects

-the coordination of the subject was very good

The presentations and how Brian engages thoroughly with the students. I also enjoyed the structure of tutorials because of the connections I've made with my fellow peers. It is fine to say that I've made great new friends because of

## Comments

this subject!

The holes that exist in the current economic development paradigm are interesting, I had always felt that way but was unable to express my ideas.

### Reflection writing

Fun and interesting subject that gives the student the opportunity and space to think for one self. Tom Savage was a great tutor that gave you the confident to speak up and argument your own thoughts and opinions but at the same time always managed to challenge you. The environment in the tutor classroom was open and nice. The concept of having a question, discussion and short essay each week helped me stay focused and keep up with the subject.

Interesting ideas presented and the lecturer is engaging. The tutors were very passionate about the subject and the field in general which contributed to dynamic group discussions.

discussion in the tutorial

I like the structure of the FAQ and weekly quizzes. Challenging students to find the readings was good and this should be expected by third year.

Incredibly interesting discussion points in tutorials, everyone was very engaged most of the time. Knowledge and concepts that feel applicable to many areas and problems we are likely to encounter.

Nothing. I absolutely loathed this subject, the fact that it was a core subject for me is the bane of my existence and it scars me.

The quiz component was a good way to get you to engage with the reading prior to the lecture.

Brian was great. Great use of high quality academic readings. Interactive lectures were a plus. Good spacing of marks in the assessment.