

Course Specification for:

UIPA-L8A1 BSc in Global Sustainable Development

UIPA-L8A2 BSc in Global Sustainable Development (with Intercalated Year)

The full course title

BSc in Global Sustainable Development

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The full course/route code as displayed on SITS

UIPA-L8A1 (3 year degree)

UIPA-L8A2 (4 year intercalated degree)

The qualification aim

Bachelor of Arts and Science (with Honours)

The UCAS course code, as assigned by UCAS

L8A1

Entry requirements

[Click here to view the current entry requirements](#)

The title of the home Department

Global Sustainable Development (a division of the School for Cross-faculty Studies)

The Course Leader's name

Dr Katie Reeves

Contact information for the course leader and department resource account

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The course duration in years

3 years full-time

4 years full time for Intercalated degree

The mode of attendance and whether the course is full or part time

Full time according to Funding Council definitions

Location

University of Warwick Campus (and at a partner institution in terms 2 and 3 in year 2 if a student is taking the integrated option).

University of Warwick Campus (and at a partner institution or work placement location in year 3 of intercalated degree).

The Frameworks for Higher Education Qualifications level for the award

Degree of Bachelor of Arts and Science (level 6)

The full credit load

3 year degree:

Year 1 – 120 CATS

Year 2 – 120 CATS

Final Year – 120 CATS

Total credit load: 360 CATS

4 year intercalated degree:

Year 1 – 120 CATS

Year 2 – 120 CATS

Year 3 – 120 CATS

Final Year – 120 CATS

Total credit load: 480 CATS

Credit Weightings towards Final Degree Classification**3 Year Degree:**

Year 1 – 0%

Year 2 – 50%

Final Year – 50%

4 Year Intercalated Degree:

Year 1 – 0%

Year 2 – 50%

Year 3 – 0%

Final Year – 50%

Associated Exit Awards Available

Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE)

Diploma of Higher Education (DipHE)

Accreditation information, including the name of the body, the accreditation type, the link to accreditation page, information on requirements, and the duration of approval granted

The Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP) is the global professional body for individuals and organisations working and studying in sustainability and the environment. Since 2023, all of our undergraduate courses in Global Sustainable Development are now accredited by ISEP, meaning that our students receive a professionally recognised level of knowledge, skills and tools for working in sustainability practice. As a result, all current students and recent graduates are eligible for membership of ISEP.

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/schoolforcross-facultystudies/gsd/aboutus/isep/>

Which modules are to be studied, separated by level of study, type of module (core, optional core etc.) and credit value identified, and if they need to be passed for progression/award

Year 1

All modules taken in the first year will be FHEQ level 4 (Undergraduate Level 1). Students must register for 120 CATS in total. Overcatting and undercatting is not permitted in any circumstances.

GSD Required Core Modules

Students are registered on 60 CATS of GSD required core modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD104	Economic Principles of Global Sustainable Development	15
GD105	Environmental Principles of Global Sustainable Development	15
GD106	Social Principles of Global Sustainable Development	15
GD107	Global Sustainable Development Project	15

SCFS Optional Modules

Students must take 30 CATS of modules from a selection offered by the School for Cross-faculty Studies:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD108	Living with Water	15
GD109	Biodiversity and Ecology	15
GD124	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Global Sustainable Development	15
GD127	Living with Fire	15

GD132	Sport and Sustainability	15
IP108	Qualitative Methods for Undergraduate Research	15
IP110	Quantitative Methods for Interdisciplinary Research	15
IP120	Beauty	15
IP122	Revolution!	15
IP123	Order	15
DI101	Design and Innovation in Context	15
DI106	Design Ecologies and Regenerative Practice	30

Spaces on some modules will be limited; this is especially the case for Design Studies modules.

Optional modules

For their final 30 CATS students can (1) take another 30 CATS of SCFS modules; (2) take 30 CATS of modules from external departments subject to approval from the GSD Director of Undergraduate Studies; (3) take one external module (subject to approval) and one further SCFS module.

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved first year modules offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies)	30

To progress to their second year of study a student must pass 90 CATS *including* 60 CATS of GSD required core modules *and* 30 CATS of optional modules – whether from the School for Cross Faculty Studies, external departments, or a combination of both, *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40%

Year 2

All modules taken in the second year must be FHEQ level 5 (Undergraduate Level 2).¹ Students must register for 120 CATS in total. Overcatting and undercatting is not permitted in any circumstances.

In the second year, students may opt to spend terms two and three studying abroad.

For students who choose to stay at Warwick for the whole of their second year:

GSD Optional Core Modules

Students take 60 CATS of GSD optional core modules, choosing two of the following:

¹ The following GSD level 6 modules are the only exceptions to this rule: GD323, GD324. GS301. Second year students are permitted to take these modules.

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD204	Health and Sustainable Development	30
GD205	Security, Sovereignty and Sustainability in the Global Food System	30
GD206	Inequalities and Sustainable Development: Inclusion and Dignity for All	30

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

A student's remaining 60 CATS must be comprised of approved second year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies).

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved second year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies)	60

To progress to their final year of study students must pass 90 CATS in total *including* one 30 CATS GSD optional core module *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40%

For students who choose to spend the second and third terms studying abroad:

GSD Core Module²

Students are required to register on a 60 CAT module to represent their integrated terms studying abroad:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD200	Study Abroad Part Year	60

GSD Optional Core Modules

Students must choose two 15 CATS term 1 GSD optional core modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD209	Health and Sustainable Development	15
GD207	Security, Sovereignty and Sustainability in the Global Food System	15
GD208	Inequalities and Sustainable Development: Inclusion and Dignity for All	15

² GD200 is not a core module for the course L8A1/L8A2 as such but only for students taking the integrated study abroad option.

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

A student's remaining 30 CATS will be comprised of approved term 1 second year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies).

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved term 1 second year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design studies)	30

To progress to their final year of study students must pass 90 CATS in total *including* a 15 CATS GSD optional core module *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40%

Final Year

All modules taken in the final year must be FHEQ level 6 (Undergraduate Level 3). Students must register for 120 CATS in total. Overcatting and undercatting is not permitted in any circumstances.

GSD Required Core Module

Students are registered on a 30 CATS GSD required core module:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD307	Dissertation	30

GSD Optional Modules

Students must take 30 CATS of final year GSD optional modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any final year modules offered by the Global Sustainable Development Division	30

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

A student's remaining 60 CATS must be comprised of approved final year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies).

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
	Any approved final year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and the other divisions of the School for Cross-faculty Studies (Liberal Arts and Design Studies)	60

To pass their final year and be considered for an honours degree a student must pass 90 CATS *including* GD307-30 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40% *and* meet any other requirements specified by the relevant Rules for Award.

Year 3 of Intercalated Degree

Students on the intercalated degree spend the third year either studying abroad, on a work placement or taking a combination of the two activities. They are required to register accordingly on the following modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
GD201-120	Study Abroad Full Year	120
GD202-120	Work Placement Full Year	120
GD314-60	Work Placement Part Year	60
GD215-60	Study Abroad Part Year	60

Providing students satisfy the requirements of their study abroad or placement year, they are permitted to progress to the final year on the intercalated degree.

Progression and award rules and requirements

Students entering in 2021/22: [Rules for Award 21/22](#)

Students entering in 2022/23: [Rules for Award 22/23](#)

Students entering in or after 2023/24: [Rules for Award 23/24](#)

Students entering in or after 2025/26 [Rules for Award 25/26](#)

Additional course costs at the course level, aligned to the principles here Additional Course Costs (warwick.ac.uk)

Students will require an IT device. Device equipment specifications:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/idg/about/infrastructure-operations/knowledge/recommended-it-device-specifications-for-students>

Students may wish to buy mandatory/recommended books that are nevertheless available in the Library, but this is not required. There may be module-specific costs for optional modules, and students are advised to check for any costs before registering for their modules.