

Course Specification:

**UIPA-H1L8 BSc in Design and Global Sustainable Development and
UIPA-H1L9 BSc in Design and Global Sustainable Development (with Intercalated Year)**

The full course title

BSc in Design and Global Sustainable Development
BSc in Design and Global Sustainable Development (with Intercalated Year)

The full course/route code as displayed on SITS

UIPA-H1L8 (3 year degree)
UIPA-H1L9 (4 year intercalated degree)

The qualification aim

Bachelor of Arts and Science (with Honours)

The UCAS course code, as assigned by UCAS

H1L8

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 (including the total load and breakdown at each level)

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 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

First Year

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

In the first year of study students take 120 CATS of required core modules comprised of 4 GSD required core modules totalling 60 CATS and 4 Design required core modules also totalling 60 CATS.

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
DI101	Design in Context	15
DI102	Introduction to Design Practice	15
DI104	UX with Service Design	15
DI105	Visual Practice and Curiosity	15

To progress to their second year of study a student must pass all 120 CATS of required core modules. (To pass a Design Studies module all the components must be passed.)

Second Year

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 unercatting 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:

Students are required to take 30 CATS of Design Studies Required Core modules and 30 CATS of GSD Optional Core modules and 30 CATS of Design Studies Optional Core modules and, finally, 30 CATS of approved optional modules taken from across the University.

Design Studies Required Core Modules

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
DI209	Systemic Design	15
DI207	Social Design	15

GSD Optional Core Module

Students must choose a 30 CATS GSD optional core module from the following:

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

Design Studies Optional Core Modules

Students choose a 30 CATS Design optional core module from the following:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
DI204	Living with Materials	30
DI208	Future Labs	30
DI206	Spatial Agency	30

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
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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.

	Any approved year 2 modules with a GSD focus from any department excluding Design Studies	30
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To progress to their final year of study students must pass 90 CATS in total *including* DI207-15 and DI209-15 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40% (To pass a Design Studies module all the components must be passed.)

For students who choose to spend the second and third terms studying abroad at a partner institution:

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 Module

Students must choose a 15 CATS term 1 GSD optional module from the following:

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

Design Core Modules

Students must take these two 15 CATS Design core modules:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
DI209	Systemic Design	15
DI207	Social Design	15

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

Student must choose 15 CATS of approved term 1 second year module with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and Liberal Arts but excluding Design Studies:

Module Code	Module Name	CATS
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² GD200 is not a core module for the course H1L8/H1L9 as such but only for students taking the integrated study abroad option.

	Any approved term 1 second year module with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and Liberal Arts but excluding Design Studies	15
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To progress to their final year of study students must pass 90 CATS in total *including* DI207-15 and DI209-15 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40% (To pass a Design Studies module all the components must be passed.)

Final Year

All modules taken in the final year must be FHEQ level 6 (Undergraduate Level 3). Student must register for 120 CATS in total. Overcatting and unercatting 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

Design Required Core Module

Module code	Module Name	CATS
DI303	Major Project	30

Design Core Modules

Module code	Module Name	CATS
DI301	Design Research	15
DI302	The Business of Design	15

Optional Modules with a 'GSD Focus'

Students take 30 CATS of any approved final year modules with a global sustainable development focus offered by any department including Global Sustainable Development and Liberal Arts but excluding 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 Liberal Arts but excluding Design Studies	30

To pass their final year and be considered for an honours degree a student must pass 90 CATS *including* GD307-30 and DI303-30 *and* achieve a year mark of at least 40% *and* meet any other requirements specified by the relevant Rules for Award. (To pass a Design Studies module all the components must be passed.)

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.

For the Design Studies part of the programme, materials will be supplied for workshop inductions and course-based teaching sessions. While there will be some provision of basic materials, students will drive their own practice and therefore may require a broader set of materials and/or tools than can be provided. This will be very individual and will be at the student's cost. Students have the option to print their work using University printers by purchasing print credit. This cost is not covered by the department.