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Programme Title:	Higher Nationals in Hortic	Level:	4		
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Unit Title:	Principles of Botany		Tutor:		
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Unit Number:	1		Academic Ye	Academic Year:	
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Learning Outcomes	(LO)	Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Assessment 4
LO1 Assess the role of plants as energy sources for all living organisms					
LO2 Demonstrate the fundamentals of plant anatomy, physiology and morphology		\boxtimes			
LO3 Analyse the evolutionary and ecological relationships between plants					
LO4 Describe the relationships between plants and humans					

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s):
		 Introduction to Botany, Principles of Botany, and a review of the role of plants as energy sources for all living organisms
Session 1	LO1	Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Introduction to unit and assessment expectations
		Group activity: Class discussion on the significance of plants as energy resources using examples
		Topic(s):
		• Photosynthesis
		Sample activities:
Session 2	LO1	Tutor activity: Presentation or video demonstration and explanation of photosynthesis
		 Individual or group activity: Lab-based activities on the manipulation of light levels and sugar production in leaves.
		Topic(s):
		Respiration
		Sample activities:
Session 3	LO1	Tutor activity: Introduction on respiration equation, differences between animal and plant respiration,
		Group or pair activity: Illustration of lab-based practicals and interpretation of results.
		Topic(s):
		Transportation in plants: Transpiration and osmosis
Session 4	LO1	Sample activities:
		Individual or group activity: Lab-based practicals.
		Tutor activity: Discussion on the topic.
		Topic(s):
Session 5		Nutrient uptake in plants
	LO1	Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Role of plant cell walls, nutrient uptake and cation exchange.
		Pair activity: Students to produce posters illustrating nutrient uptake.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s):
		Plant structure and function: Anatomy and morphology
Session 6	102	Sample activities:
Session 6	LO2	Tutor activity: Presentation on the growth and function of plant cells, primary and secondary growth
		 Individual activity: Students to undertake research collecting examples of plant structure and function.
		Topic(s):
		Cell differentiation: Roots and shoots
		Sample activities:
Session 7	LO2	Tutor activity: Structure and function of root and shoot tissue, cell differentiation.
		Pair activity: students to compare and contrast cell differentiation in roots and shoots
		Topic(s):
		Cell differentiation: Stems and leaves
		Sample activities:
Session 8	LO2	Tutor activity: Presentation introducing students on cell differentiation on stem and leaves
		 Individual or group activity: Lab-based practical on the dissection of principle components of stems and leaves, their structure and function, and the use of light microscopes.
		Topic(s):
		Cell differentiation: Flowers and fruits
		Sample activities:
Session 9	LO2	Tutor activity: Tutor activity: Presentation introducing students on cell differentiation in flowers and fruits
		Pair activity: Lab-based practicals on the dissection of flowers and fruits, the structure and function of principle structures, and differences in plant tissue.
		Topic(s):
		Plant growth and development: Germination and seedling growth
Session 10	LO2	Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Development of germinating seedling in mono- and dicotyledonous plants, factors triggering germination.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s):
		Evolutionary and ecological relationships between plants
		Sample activities:
Session 11	LO3	Tutor activity: Prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, structure and differences in organelles.
		Group activity: Discussion of the evolutionary theory relating to plant development.
		Topic(s):
		Plant classification: Bryophytes and ferns
		Sample activities:
Session 12	LO3	Tutor activity: Tutor activity: Presentation introducing students to the topic
		 Individual or group activity: Lab-based practical on the identification of principle structures of mosses and common ferns, and the life cycles of bryophytes and ferns.
	LO3	Topic(s):
		Plant classification: Conifers and flowering plants
Session 13		Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Tutor activity: Presentation introducing students to the topic
		 Individual or group activity: Lab-based practical on the identification of principle structures of conifers and flowering plants, and their life cycles.
	LO3	Topic(s):
		Ecological relationships between plants
Session 14		Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Class presentation on Mutualism, parasitism, pollination
		Pair work: Students to work in pairs to create posters illustrating the ecological relationship between plants.
		Topic(s):
		Global distribution of plants
Session 15	LO3	Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Introduction to the concept of biomes, distribution of global biomes, plant adaptations to biome environments.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s):
		Uses of plants and human/plant relationships
Session 16	LO4	Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Tutor to deliver presentation on topic
		 Individual or group activity: Supermarket shop and identification of all plant-based products.
		Topic(s):
		Plants as food
Session 17	LO4	Sample activities:
		 Tutor activity: Global food markets, value and worth of global markets, principle products and
		Group activity: Tutor-led whole group discussion around genetic variation.
	LO4	Topic(s):
		Plants in medicine and construction
Session 18		Sample activities:
		 Tutor activity: Economic value of plants, contribution to global markets development of new plant products.
	LO4	Topic(s):
		Role of plants in ecosystem services
Session 19		Sample activities:
		 Tutor activity: Tutor presentations on regulation of water cycles, water purification and sustainable flood control in urban and agricultural landscapes.
		Topic(s):
		Role of plants in ecosystem services
Session 20	LO4	Sample activities:
		 Tutor activity: Tutor presentations on gaseous exchange and regulation of oxygen and carbon dioxide, plants as carbon stores, aesthetic and cultural uses of plants.



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Programme Title:	Higher Nationals in Hortic	Level:	4		
Unit Title:	Business and the Busine	ess Environmen	t Tutor:		
Unit Number:	2	Academic Yea	ar:		
Learning Outcomes	(LO)	Assessment 1	Assessment 2	Assessment 3	Assessment 4
LO1 Explain the different types, size and scope of Land-based organisations		\boxtimes			
LO2 Demonstrate the interrelationship of the various functions within a Land-based organisation and how they link to organisational structure					
LO3 Use contemporary examples to demonstrate both the positive and negative influence/impact the macro environment has on Land-based business operations			\boxtimes		
weaknesses of spe businesses and exp			\boxtimes		

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s): Different types of business organisations
		Introduction to the unit's content and two unit assignments
		What is a business?
		Types of organisation, profit and non-profit entities
		Formal and informal businesses
		Legal structures – sole trader, partnerships, limited companies
Session 1	LO1	Other forms of business entity
		Sample activities:
		 Group activity: Question and answer activity on general/prior knowledge of different business types.
		Group activity: Discuss and differentiate legal entities e.g. sole trader, partnership etc.
		 Pair activity: Activity in pairs to establish advantages and disadvantages of each business type.
		Topic(s): Size, scale and scope of different organisations
		Issue and introduce Assignment 1
	LO1	 Explore differences in businesses on the basis of their main function, scope and the size of operations.
		National, international and global business development and growth.
Session 2		Sample activities:
		 Individual activity: Measure business size. Large and small organisations – business scale.
		 Individual activity: Use of case studies to highlight differences in large, small and micro businesses.
		Group activity: Group discussion – organic growth of a business through different structures e.g. sole trader, partnership, limited company.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s): Stakeholders, roles and responsibilities
		 Investigate different roles within typical businesses and the responsibilities associated with different levels and authorities.
		Stakeholder analysis and meeting stakeholder needs.
Session 3	LO1	 Business obligations to stakeholders in the context of corporate social responsibility (CSR).
563310113		Sample activities:
		 Group activity: Work in a small group to research and identify different roles within different businesses.
		Group activity: Each group create a quiz activity on responsibilities
		attached to different roles in a business and test one another.
		Group activity: Discuss levels of authority and associated responsibilities.
		Topic(s): Business environment
	LO1	 The purpose of economic activity and the production of goods and services to satisfy changing needs and wants.
		 Introduction to economic concepts e.g. scarcity and choice, supply and demand
Session 4		 Industrial structures definition and introduction to Porter's Five forces to analyse industry structure.
36331011 4		Sample activities:
		Brainstorm activity: Discuss different economic concepts and different examples.
		 Group activity: Research how businesses respond to variations in supply and demand.
		Group activity: Case study discussion – the application of Porter's Five Forces to identify and understand industry competition.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s): Functional areas in business (part 1)
		Explore different main functions or departments such as marketing, finance, human resources.
		Sample activities:
Session 5	LO2	 Group activity: Identify different departments/functions in a given business. Tutor to provide different contexts to explore differences.
		 Group activity: Different groups present back the main generic functions such as marketing, finance and human resources, including their roles and responsibilities.
		 Group activity: Review different organisational charts. Small group feedback on how a particular chart illustrates functional interrelationships.
		Topic(s): Functional areas in businesses (part 2)
	LO2	 Explore secondary/additional functions or departments found in some businesses such as procurement, maintenance, operations and manufacturing.
6 . 6		Sample activities:
Session 6		 Group activity: Identify and list additional support departments/functions in different types of businesses from different sectors. Tutor to provide different contexts to explore differences.
		Group activity: Different groups present back on each of the additional functions such as procurement, maintenance, operations and manufacturing, including their roles and responsibilities.
		Topic(s): Functional interrelationships
		 Explore interrelationships between various functions and the impact on operational effectiveness.
		 Explore the role of different functions in achieving organisational goals and objectives.
		Sample activities:
Session 7	LO2	Group activity: Establish the links and dependencies between different departments/functions in a given business. Tutor to provide different contexts to exploredifferences.
		Group activity: Discussion and student input into the relation Compared to the compare
		 between various functions previously identified. Pair activity: Work in pairs to explore the role of different functions in achieving organisational objectives.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s): Functions and structures (part 1)
		Define organisational charts and their use.
		Different structures e.g. flat or tall hierarchical, matrix etc.
		Investigate how different functions impact on organisational structures.
		The impact of size and scope on organisational structures
		Sample activities:
Session 8	LO2	 Group activity: Question and answer activity – what are organisational charts and what is their purpose? Identify the different types e.g. tall or flat.
		Group activity: Discussion and student input on how different functions report into each other.
		Group activity: Create an organisational chart for a given business.
		 Individual or group activity: Reflect on how size and scope of previous activity affected the structure created by students.
		Topic(s): Functions and structures (part 2)
		 Explore differences between structures on the basis of size (national, global etc.) and location.
		Complexities of local, transnational, international and global organisations
		Virtual structures
Session 9	LO2	Sample activities:
		 Group activity: Discuss varied structures such as chain, franchise, head office operated and others.
		 Individual activity: Student research into centralised and de-centralised structures and management.
		 Group activity: Student debate on the use of virtual structures, appropriateness and future practices.
		Topic(s): Assignment draft review workshop
		Review of student progress on the first assignment.
		Review of academic requirements and submission format.
Session 10	LO1 & LO2	Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Brief tutor-led overview of assignment requirements.
		 Group activity: Open question and answer activity to address general questions and concerns.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s): Environmental analysis
		Issue Assignment 2/Introduction to the second assessment
		Define the concept of environmental analysis in a business context.
		Macro and micro environmental analysis
		Introduction to PESTLE and SWOT/TOWS analytical tools
Session 11	LO3	Sample activities:
		Pair activity: Investigate and define business environmental analysis.
		Group activity: Differentiate between a macro and micro environmental analysis.
		Tutor activity: Tutor-led definition and explanation of a PESTLE and a SWOT/TOWS analysis.
		Topic(s): Macro environmental analysis – PESTLE (part 1)
		In-depth delivery of a PESTLE analytical tool
		Investigation of current case studies with which to apply the model
		Sample activities:
Session 12	LO3	Tutor activity: Tutor-led explanations and questioning – political, economic and social factors
		 Group activity: Research activity to investigate current political, economic and social factors influencing and impacting the business environment. Students present feedback and discuss.
		Group activity: Apply the researched factors to a given organisation.
		Pair activity: Find a business to apply PESTLE and SWOT/TOWS analysis.
		Topic(s): Macro environmental analysis – PESTLE (part 2)
		In-depth delivery of a PESTLE analytical tool
		Investigation of current case studies with which to apply the model
		Sample activities:
Session 13	LO3	Group activity: Tutor-led explanations and questioning – technological, legal and environmental factors.
		Group activity: Research activity to investigate current technological, legal and environmental factors influencing and impacting the business environment. Students present feedback and discuss.
		Group activity: Apply a PESTLE analysis to a given organisation.
		Pair activity: Create a PESTLE analysis for presentation in the next session.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
		Topic(s): Macro environmental analysis applied – PESTLE
		 Investigation of PESTLE analysis applied in and presented by students for their selected contexts.
Session 14	LO3	Sample activities:
3633.611 1 1		 Individual or group activity: Student presentations of a PESTLE analysis for a chosen business.
		Individual or group activity: Peer review and feedback on presentations.
		Tutor activity: Tutor to summarise findings and link to Assignment 2.
		Topic(s): Macro environmental impact and response
		Investigation of how the macro environment affects business operations.
	LO3	Transformation processes that organisations go through in response to change.
		Sample activities:
Session 15		Group activity: Impact analysis of environmental factors on a selected business.
		 Group activity: Brainstorming session on ways a business could respond to change.
		 Tutor activity: Tutor-led critical reflection of practicalities of discussed changes.
		Topic(s): Micro environmental analysis – SWOT/TOWS
		In-depth delivery of a SWOT/TOWS analytical tool as an analysis framework
		The link between external factors and internal SWOT
		Investigation of current case studies with which to apply the model
Session 16	LO4	Sample activities:
3633611 10		 Tutor activity: Tutor-led explanations and questioning – SWOT factors. The value of SWOT analysis and implementation.
		 Group activity: Question and answer activity – S&W influenced by PESTLE, which O&Ts arises from PESTLE.
		Group activity: Apply a SWOT/TOWS analysis to a given organisation.
		Group activity: Group presentation of SWOT analysis with Q&A.

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Sessions	Learning Outcome(s)	Session Activities
Session 17	LO4	Topic(s): Micro environmental analysis applied – SWOT/TOWS
		 Investigation of a SWOT/TOWS analysis applied and presented by student for their selected contexts
		Sample activities:
		 Individual or group activity: Student presentations of a SWOT analysis for a chosenbusiness.
		 Individual or group activity: Peer review and feedback on presentations. Tutor activity: Tutor to summarise findings and link to Assignment 2.
Session 18	LO4	Topic(s): Internal factors and responses affecting operations
		 Investigate how internal factors should be analysed and how strengths and weaknesses that affect business operations form the basis for strategic management.
		Decision-making and action-planning based on SWOT analysis findings
		Sample activities:
		Group activity: Investigate how information from a SWOT analysis should be viewed and used.
		 Pair activity: Explore and list possible business strategies that could respond to SWOT and PESTLE factors.
		 Tutor activity: Tutor-led critical reflection of practicalities of discussed strategies.
Session 19	LO3 & LO4	Topic(s): Assignment workshop
		Review of student progress on the second assignment.
		Sample activities:
		Tutor activity: Brief tutor-led overview of assessment requirements.
		 Group activity: Open question and answer activity to address general questions and concerns.
		Group activity: Review of academic requirements and submission format.
		Individual activity: Individual student queries and questions.
Session 20	LO3 & LO4	Topic(s): Assignment draft review workshop
		Review of individual student drafts for second assignment
		Sample activities:
		Individual activity: Individual appointments to address individual student queries and questions.