

## MODULE DESCRIPTOR

<b>MODULE TITLE</b>	Contemporary Issues in Macroeconomics		
<b>Module Code</b>	44-6983-00L		
<b>Level</b>	6		
<b>Credit Points</b>	20		
<b>Indicative Assessment Components &amp; Percentage Weightings</b>	Coursework 40% Coursework 60%		
<b>Pre-Requisite Modules (if applicable)</b>	Macroeconomics at level 5		
<b>Delivered according to Standard Academic Calendar</b>	<b>Long: 2 semesters</b>	<b>Short: 1 semester</b>	<b>Other delivery pattern:</b> <i>Please specify</i>
YES	YES	NO	

### 1 MODULE AIMS

The aims of this module are to:

- build upon the theoretical frameworks covered in the Level 5 Macroeconomics module and provide students with an understanding and awareness of the major contemporary issues in macroeconomics;
- provide students with an appreciation of the impact that these issues have on regions, countries, industries and firms; and
- provide students with an understanding of the policies employed in response to macroeconomic issues.

### 2 MODULE LEARNING OUTCOMES BY THE END OF THE MODULE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO

1. Analyse and discuss major contemporary macroeconomic issues;
2. Analyse and evaluate the impact that these issues have on regions, countries, industries and firms;
3. Analyse and evaluate the possible policy responses to these issues; and
4. Identify, access, select and utilise the information and data that are necessary to achieve the above outcomes.

### 3 INDICATIVE LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

Handouts and lectures will introduce a range of contemporary macroeconomic issues and provide a framework for independent research, reading and study. Seminars will utilise a variety of formats, but will emphasise the discussion of the impact of, and possible responses to these issues. Assessment will be by means of coursework, which will vary in format according to the particular issues prevailing at the time the module is being delivered.

#### **ASSESSMENT STRATEGY AND METHODS**

Task No.	<b><u>TASK DESCRIPTION</u></b>	SI Code	Task Weighting %	Word Count / Duration	In-module retrieval available
1	Coursework	CW	40%	2000 words	Yes
2	Coursework	CW	60%	3000 words	No

### 4 INDICATIVE MODULE CONTENTS / TOPICS

The particular issues examined within this module will naturally depend upon the issues, trends and developments taking place at the time that the module is delivered. As a consequence, the format and content of the module may change from one delivery to the next. Examples of content could, for example include:

- Monetary policy responses to inflation and the impact of rising interest rates;
- The issue of large trade and budget deficits, and the impact on exchange rates;
- Rising unemployment and changing employment trends; and
- Economic growth in countries such as China and the implications for others.

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MODULE**

**FURTHER / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIS MODULE, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT CRITERIA DETAILING HOW YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THE MODULE WILL BE MEASURED, HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE FEEDBACK, DETAILS OF LEARNING RESOURCES AND KEY READINGS.**

**THIS INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE MODULE HANDBOOK.**

**NOTE THAT THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE FROM YEAR TO YEAR**

**FINAL TASK**

<b>According to the Assessment Strategy shown in the Module Descriptor, which task will be the LAST TASK to be taken or handed-in? (Give task number as shown in the Assessment Strategy)</b>	<b>Task No.</b>  2
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**MODULE REFERRAL STRATEGY**

<b>Task for Task (as shown for initial assessment strategy)</b>	<b>Y</b>
<b>Single Referral Package for All Referred Students</b>	<b>N</b>

**REVISIONS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reason</b>
July 2012	Assessment Framework review