

## MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information								
Module Title	Feminist and Gender Economics							
Module Code	UMEDNN-15-M		Level	М				
For implementation from	Septe	September 2018						
UWE Credit Rating	15		ECTS Credit Rating	7.5				
Faculty	Busin	ess & Law	Field	Economics				
Department	Accou	Accounting, Economics and Finance						
Contributes towards	MSc	Sc Global Political Economy						
Module type:	Stand	Standard						
Pre-requisites		N/A						
Excluded Combinations		N/A						
Co- requisites		N/A						
Module Entry requirements		N/A						

### Part 2: Description

This module will introduce you to the understanding of gender dynamics and inequality in the economy. By drawing on the established fields of Feminist Economics and Gender and Development (GAD), the course will provide a critical overview of economic theories, methods and policy from a gender perspective. A gender lens offers the possibility to understand the different opportunities and outcomes for women and men. You will learn about key theoretical debates as well as applied cases of international relevance.

The first part of the module will cover theoretical issues in feminism, such as gender equality and empowerment, the care economy and division of labour. The second part will explore contemporary policy issues such as the gendered impacts of the recent financial crisis, gender dynamics in poverty, global value chains and microfinance. The course focuses on gender inequality, but also provides the opportunities to consider other forms of inequality, along the lines of race, class and nationality. It will offer you a crucial lens to critically assess how socio-economic and political systems work in a globalised world.

You will cover the following indicative topics:

- Theory of feminism and feminist economics
- Instrumental approaches to gender equality and women's empowerment
- Gender, the household and provision of care
- Gender division of labour, production and reproduction
- Gender pay gap and inequality at work
- Gender, crises and austerity
- Feminisation of poverty
- Gender and global value chains
- Gender and microfinance

Feminist and Gender Economics takes economics as a social science and draws insights on disciplines such as political economy, sociology and politics.

The contact hours for this module are divided between lectures (sessions that deliver a formal presentation of concepts) and workshops (student-led activities drawn from suggested readings, exercises and group discussions where students will exercise their critical ability to reflect upon the content explore in the lectures).

#### Part 3: Assessment

This module deploys a combination of formative and summative assessment.

<u>Formative assessment</u> will occur throughout the module in various forms. The workshops will allow the lecturers to interact with the students and provide continuous feedback to students. The workshops will also be crucial for the students to engage with their peers and receive peer feedback on informal activities.

<u>Summative assessment</u> will have two components: A) one book critical review and group discussion and B) one written assignment. The two-tier assessment is intended to test different skills and competencies. These include:

- knowledge of the course material;
- ability to critically assess economic theories and concepts from a gender perspective;
- ability to examine the gender aspects and impacts of policy;
- ability to identify links between theoretical debates and applications;
- ability to critically engage with literature and present arguments, both through oral presentations and in writing;
- development of critical thinking on inequality along gender and other axes of power.

### Component A – presentation and critical review (25%)

Students will read a seminal piece of literature (book) in the area of Feminist & Gender Economics in their time for personal study and work in groups to prepare an oral presentation. The presentation will be held in class and indicatively last for 20 minutes. The presentation's mark will account for 40% of component A mark. Students will also write an individual 1,000-words critical review, which will account for 60% of component A mark. The purpose of this assessment is to encourage students to reflect individually and collectively on key conceptual and theoretical questions, and relate the book author's position to that of other leading scholars in the field. Feedback will highlight areas of strength and for improvement. This assessment component will help students develop ability to engage with substantive academic literature, assess the validity of core theories and concepts, exercise the ability to engage in a group presentation and develop critical thinking. The book title will be given to students at the beginning of the module.

Students referred at first attempt will complete and book review, and an individual presentation including a brief reflection on the value of group debate in developing critical skills

### Component B – written assignment (75%)

The assignment will be a substantive academic text of 3,000 words. This will be the more heavily weighted component of summative assessment as students will be required to bring together theory and applications. Students will need to critically engage with a key theoretical debate and illustrate it with a case study, based on adequate searches and review of relevant secondary literature. This assessment component will help students identify and critically examine the links between theory and practice/policy and develop academic writing skills.

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