



CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data					
Module Title	Global Political Economy				
Module Code	UZQNGS-30-2	Level	2	Version	6.1
Owning Faculty	Health and Applied Sciences	Field	Politics		
Contributes towards	BA(Hons) International Politics BA(Hons) International Relations and Politics Awards up to BA(Hons)				
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15	Module Type	Standard
Pre-requisites	UPPNFE-30-1: Democracy or Dictatorships? or UPPNFB-30-1: Politics Beyond the Nation State or UPPNFD-30-1: Foreign Policy or Equivalent		Co- requisites	None	
Excluded Combinations	None		Module Entry requirements	If offered as CPD or stand alone	
Valid From	September 2010		Valid to		

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Part 2: Learning and Teaching

Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this module students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate knowledge of, differentiate between and assess the validity of the main theoretical approaches to the study of international political economic phenomena in the global system (components A & B). 2. Explain and compare different modes of interaction between states, non-state actors and markets globally and regionally, and evaluate their consequences (component B, element 2). 3. Assess historical and contemporary issues in the global political economy through analysis of relevant text sources. (components A & B). 4. Effectively communicate key arguments related to such issues both verbally and in writing (components A & B) 5. Construct clear and persuasive arguments using a wide range of factual and scholarly material relating to the development of a global political economy (component B, element 1 & 3).
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Syllabus Outline	<p>The module covers four main themes in the study of the Global Political Economy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theorising the global political economy - introduction to the contending approaches used to understand and explain the international political economy, and the importance of differences between theoretical approaches to the analysis of the global system. 2. Structures and actors in the global political economy - analysis of the main actors (state, state associations and non-state) which produce and shape outcomes in the global system, and the structures in which these actors are located.
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	<p>3. Institutions of the international political economy - survey of the main intergovernmental actors (IGOs), the major non-state political economic organisations as well as the major role played by commercial non-state actors (multinational corporations).</p> <p>4. Issues in the global political economy - discussion of a selection of issues which bring together the factors studied in various elements of the module, e.g. the problems of international development, environmental change, instability in the financial sector and the possibilities for multi-level governance.</p>
Teaching and Learning Methods	<p>The course is organised round a series of lectures which set the framework for students' own interrogation of the relevant literature. Seminar groups will be used to help students focus on particular key issues within the overall subject field of the module. Seminar groups will be student led and will aim to reflect student interests through a tutor mediated discussion (which will also involve group working where appropriate). Students are expected to carry out autonomous study in addition to directed work and the module is structured on this basis.</p>
Reading Strategy	
Indicative Reading List	<p>Axford,B The Global System: Economics, Politics and Culture Polity, 1995</p> <p>Cleaver,T Understanding the World Economy Routledge, 1997</p> <p>Daniels,P.W. & Lever,W.F. The Global Economy in Transition Longman, 1997</p> <p>Gilpin,R Global Political Economy Princeton U., 2001</p> <p>Held,A <i>et al</i> Global Transformations Polity, 1999</p> <p>Jones, R.J.B. Globalisation and Interdependence Pinter, 1995</p> <p>Kenwood,A.G. & Loughheed, A.L. The Growth of the International Economy (fourth edition) Routledge,1999</p> <p>O'Brien,R. & Williams,M. Global Political Economy (first/second edition) Palgrave, 2004/07/10</p> <p>Palan, R. Global Political Economy: Contemporary Theories Routledge, 2000</p> <p>Ravenhill, J. Global Political Economy (either edition) OUP, 2005/08</p> <p>Rosenau,J.N. & Czempiel,O Governance Without Government: Order & Change in World Politics (ed.) CUP, 1992</p> <p>Scholte, J.A. Globalization: A Critical Introduction (second edition) Palgrave, 2005</p> <p>Stiglitz, J. Globalization and its Discontents Penguin, 2002</p>

	<p>Strange,S States and Markets (either edition) Pinter, 1988/95</p> <p>Stubbs,R & Underhill,G.R.D. Political Economy and the Changing (editors) Global Order (second/third edition) OUP, 2000/05</p> <p>Woods, N. The Political Economy of Globalization St Martin's, 2000</p> <p>Journals:</p> <p>International Organisation International Studies Quarterly Global Society</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Global Governance</p> <p>New Political Economy</p> <p>Review of International Political Economy</p> <p>World Politics</p> <p>World Economy</p> <p>Third World Quarterly</p>
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Part 3: Assessment

Identify final assessment component and element	Component A	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)	A:	B:
	40%	60%
First Sit		
Component A (controlled conditions)	Element weighting	
Description of each element	(as % of component)	

1. Examination (3 hours)	40%
Component B	Element weighting
Description of each element	(as % of component)
1. Text Review (1,500 words)	20%
2. Essay (2,500 words)	30%
3. Seminar contribution	10%

Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)	
Component A (controlled conditions)	Element weighting
Description of each element	(as % of component)
1. Examination (3 hours)	40%
Component B	Element weighting
Description of each element	(as % of component)
1. Extended Essay (3000 words)	60%
<p>If a student is permitted an EXCEPTIONAL RETAKE of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.</p>	