

| Module Details         |                                   |
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| <b>Module Title:</b>   | Contemporary Issues in Economics  |
| <b>Module Code:</b>    | AFE6018-B                         |
| <b>Academic Year:</b>  | 2019-20                           |
| <b>Credit Rating:</b>  | 20                                |
| <b>School:</b>         | School of Management              |
| <b>Subject Area:</b>   | Accounting, Finance and Economics |
| <b>FHEQ Level:</b>     | FHEQ Level 6                      |
| <b>Pre-requisites:</b> | Business Economics 2017-18        |
| <b>Co-requisites:</b>  |                                   |

| Contact Hours  |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Type           | Hours |
| Lectures       | 24    |
| Directed Study | 176   |

| Availability |                                                                         |
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| Occurrence   | Location / Period                                                       |
| ONA          | College of Banking and Financial Studies, Oman / Semester 2 (Feb - May) |
| BDA          | University of Bradford / Semester 2 (Feb - May)                         |

| Module Aims                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| To introduce you to the latest developments in applied contemporary economics to allow you to develop a deep understanding of current economic issues & arguments that dominate contemporary debates and policy making. |

| Outline Syllabus                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Topics to be drawn from across a range of contemporary economics issues, inter alia: economics crises (the Global Financial Crisis, the euro zone / sovereign debt crisis); contemporary economic problems (the twin deficit problem, savings-investment correlation in euro zone periphery, capital mobility, solvency and external deficit sustainability); the economic relationship between the UK and EU; contemporary economic policy making (New Consensus in |

Macroeconomics: monetary & fiscal policy, Post-Keynesian economics: money multiplier & debt dynamics); international trade (policy, global trade imbalances, regional integration, globalisation, inequality); macroeconomic uncertainty/stability; exchange rate volatility/determination.

### Learning Outcomes

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| 1 | 1a. Understand the underlying foundations for contemporary issues in economics.<br>1b. Understand the theoretical and applied aspects of contemporary economic policy making.<br>1c. Be conversant with the most recent major developments in economics in the national and global context. |
| 2 | 2a. Critically evaluate a range of contemporary economic issues in terms of their causes and consequences.<br>2b. Appreciate the alternative interventionary policy implications in relation to a range of contemporary economic issues                                                     |
| 3 | 3a. Demonstrate written presentation skills; accessing of library and IT resources.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Contemporary issues in economics will be presented and discussed in lectures and you will critically examine these applied contemporary economic issues and reflect on their contradictions and drawbacks, reviewing the advanced literature and how it deals with these.

### Mode of Assessment

| Type      | Method     | Description                  | Length      | Weighting |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Summative | Coursework | Data analysis and commentary | -2000 words | 50%       |
| Summative | Coursework | Individual assignment        | -2000 words | 50%       |

### Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit <https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html>.

*Please note:*

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