

Module Details	
Module Title	Contemporary Issues in Economics
Module Code	AFE6018-B
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	20
School	School of Management
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 6

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Lectures	24
Directed Study	176

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2
ONA	College of Banking and Financial Studies / Semester 2

Module Aims
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
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	
Outcome Number	Description
01	1a) Understand the underlying foundations for contemporary issues in economics. 1b) Understand the theoretical and applied aspects of contemporary economic policy making. 1c) Be conversant with the most recent major developments in economics in the national and global context.
02	2a) Critically evaluate a range of contemporary economic issues in terms of their causes and consequences. 2b) Appreciate the alternative interventionist policy implications in relation to a range of contemporary economic issues.
03	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	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Individual assignment 2000 words	50%
Summative	Coursework - Written	Data analysis and commentary 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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