Description: Global Issues in Environmental Management

Subject   Cat-Nbr   Class   Term   Mode   Units   Campus
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Academic Group: FOBUS
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STAFFING
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Moderator: John Searle

RATIONALE
There is considerable debate and apprehension about the impact of industrialisation on the environment and about whether or not present levels of consumption (both in the developed and underdeveloped world) can be sustained for much longer. This debate extends from those who claim that the environmentalists are alarmists and wrong, through those in the middle who remain unconvinced one way or another, or who don't care, or whose position is to have no position, or those who have adopted a wait and see attitude, to those who believe that it is already too late to divert major dislocations. This subject aims to allow managers to acquaint themselves with normative positions taken and to examine the scientific evidence put forward in support of these positions.

SYNOPSIS
This subject investigates major phenomena perceived to be threatening planet earth's environment and consequently the progress of industrialisation and the standard of living in both rich and poor countries alike. Topics may include: global warming and CO2, acid rain and SO2 ozone depletion, loss of biological diversity. It also introduces other topics: air, noise and water pollution, land degradation, and ocean management.

OBJECTIVES
Successful completion of this course will allow students to:

- be aware of major phenomena which impact on the environment and the conduct of business;
- form opinions about the scientific evidence associated with those phenomena;
- understand the nature of countervailing strategies required to combat those phenomena and the legal and commercial imperatives driving these;
• develop a basic knowledge of air, noise and water pollution, land degradation and destruction of the oceans, and
• acquire a working knowledge of the environmental industry that is developing in response to perceptions about these phenomena.

**TOPICS**

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**REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Codes on Climatic Change, Biodiversity, Forest Conventions, Trade and Environment, etc to be advised.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   If you are an International student in Australia it is a requirement of your student visa that you attend all classes at your campus. For all other students, there are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students’ responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   Students must attach an application for late submission to any assignment sent to the university after the due date.

4. Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must submit all of the summative assessment items and achieve at least 50% of the total available weighted marks for those items.

5. Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. Examination information:
   There is no examination in this course.

7. Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   Not applicable.

8. University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL: http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook. Students should also read The Guide to Policies and Procedures of the Faculty which can be found at the URL: http://www.usq.edu.au/handbook/2003/title663.html or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook.
ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Assignments: (i) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (ii) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner. (iii) The Examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. (iv) The Examiner will not accept submission of assignments by facsimile. (v) Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements. (vi) In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.

2 Make-up Work: Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.

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