Description: Global Issues in Environmental Management

Subject | Cat-nbr | Class | Term | Mode | Units | Campus
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MGT  | 8011 | 66181 | 2, 2007 | WEB | 1.00 | Toowoomba

Academic group: FOBUS
Academic org: FOB008
Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 050999

STAFFING
Examiner: Ian Eddington

OTHER REQUISITES
Students are required to have access to a personal computer, e-mail capabilities and Internet access to USQConnect. Current details of computer requirements can be found at http://www.usq.edu.au/business/aboutfob.htm

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
The course objectives define the student learning outcomes for a course. The assessment item/s that may be used to assess student achievement of an objective is/are shown in parentheses after each objective. On successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
1. be aware of major phenomena which impact on the environment and the conduct of business (Assignment 1, Assignment 2, Assignment 3)
2. form opinions about the scientific evidence associated with those phenomena (Assignment 1, Assignment 2, Assignment 3)
3. understand the nature of countervailing strategies required to combat those phenomena and the legal and commercial imperatives driving these (Assignment 1, Assignment 2, Assignment 3)
4. develop a basic knowledge of air, noise and water pollution, land degradation and destruction of the oceans (Assignment 1, Assignment 2, Assignment 3)
5. acquire a working knowledge of the environmental industry that is developing in response to perceptions about these phenomena (Assignment 1, Assignment 2, Assignment 3).

**TOPICS**

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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

**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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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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**IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

1. **Attendance requirements:**
   
   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 satisfactorily complete an individual assessment item a student must achieve at least 50% of the marks. (Depending upon the requirements in Statement 4 below, students may not have to satisfactorily complete each assessment item to receive a passing grade in this course.)

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 achieve at least 50% of the total weighted marks available for the course.

5. **Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:**
   
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the aggregate of the weighted marks 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 Student Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene university regulations. These regulations can be found at http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm. Students should also read
the Faculty of Business Policies and Procedures which can be found at http://www.usq.edu.au/business/aboutfob.htm.

**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 assignment submitted for assessment. This must be produced within 24 hours if required by the examiner. (iii) In accordance with university policy, the examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances. (iv) 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.

3. **Deferred work:** Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. A temporary grade of IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up) may be granted.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Learning resources:** Prescribed texts and materials (see above); recommended reference materials (see above); and course Website accessible via USQConnect.