

HUMN 3043 GLOBALISATION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200815

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Description Globalisation and Sustainability introduces students to critical debates about the role of global and national institutions of power in determining economic, environmental, social and cultural outcomes. Students will be introduced to opposing and controversial theoretical perspectives on globalisation and sustainability and issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to improve policy and practice in the future. In the process students will be encouraged to consider problems relating to ethics, rights, justice and democracy in society. This subject can also be taken by students who have studied social science and humanities.

School Business

Discipline Sociology

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Restrictions

Note that only students enrolled at Sydney City Campus may register in the Sydney City Campus subjects offered at that location.

Assumed Knowledge

Basic understanding of economic concepts.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Critically assess the role of global and national institutions of power in determining economic, environmental, social and cultural outcomes.
2. Compare and debate opposing theoretical and policy approaches to economic, environmental, social and cultural outcomes.
3. Make recommendations to improve policy and practice with regard to complex economic, environmental, social and cultural issues.
4. Demonstrate recognition of the alternative perspectives on economic and social development held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
5. Explain the interdependence of the economy and environment.

Subject Content

1. Local and global institutions
 - comparative advantage
 - Unequal exchange
 - development and uneven development
2. Crises and Cycles
 - Global financial crises
 - sustainable, socially-Just and democratic economic alternatives
3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues
 - economic and historical perspectives ? rights

- sustainable economic development debates
- 4. Growth and Sustainability: Ecological sustainable development
- definitions of sustainability
- limits to growth
- 5. Energy and climate change
- Carbon lock-in, fossil fuel energy system
- Global environmental agreements
- Clean development mechanism
- environmental justice
- 6. Food, water, population, species
- Global food system and The environment
- management of water resources
- population growth and limits
- species extinction and biodiversity loss

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Presentation	20 minutes	20	N	Group	Y
Essay	1500 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hours	50	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

Vietnam Session 1 (2025)

Vietnam

On-site

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Autumn (2025)

Online

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Parramatta City - Macquarie St

On-site

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Vietnam Session 2 (2025)

Vietnam

On-site

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Vietnam Session 3 (2025)

Vietnam

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Sydney City Campus - Term 3 (2025)

Sydney City

On-site

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