

Module code	INR517	Level	5
Module title	Interpreting Globalisation	Credit value	20
Common/Core/Elective	Core	ECTS Credits	10
		Notional learning hours	200
Courses on which the module is taught	BA (Hons) International Relations	Teaching Period	

1. Module description

We live in an increasingly complex world that has been shaped by the forces of contemporary globalisation. This module uses a range of research methods to look at issues in globalisation contexts such as prosperity vs poverty, diversity vs inequality, innovation vs tradition, security vs uncertainty and networking vs loneliness– among other examples.

We will explore these topics through interdisciplinary reflection and research – utilising critical and normative/ethical approaches to the study of globalisation and international relations. Deploying a range of quantitative and qualitative research methods, we will ask the right questions to find feasible and legitimate practical solutions to contemporary global issues.

2. Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module you will be able to:

LO2 Innovation analyse emerging opportunities within the urban political-economic space and develop propositions, combining curiosity and creativity.

LO6 Digital Data and Tools analyse and use digital tools and data responsibly in unfamiliar, well defined contexts

LO9 Interdisciplinary Perspectives investigate and apply perspectives from different disciplines in multifaceted scenarios

LO10 Human and Environmental Impact analyse the impact of human activity on people and on the environment.

3. Learning and teaching methods

In this module students will learn to understand international relations within a globalisation framework. Through mini lectures, seminars, fieldtrips, class discussions and other learning activities students will learn and apply a range of research approaches to ask and answer questions about international relations in a globalised world.

Learning hours

Directed learning	48
Workshops/classes	48
Guided/Self-guided learning	152
Total	200

4. Assessment, formative feedback and relative weightings

Assessment 1: Portfolio

Weight (%): 100

Word Count or Equivalent: 3000 (+/-10%).

You will submit a portfolio consisting of the following assessment tasks:

1. Mini essay: exploring globalisation theories (1000 words)
2. Two workshop summaries (500 words each: one about a quantitative method, one about a qualitative method).
3. Research Plan (1000 words)

Each summative assessment will be preceded by an opportunity of formative assessment and followed by formative feedback for such opportunity

Mapping of assessment tasks for the module				
Assessment tasks	LO2	LO6	LO9	LO10
Portfolio	X	X	X	X

5. Indicative resources

Baylis, J., Smith, S. and Owen, P., *The Globalisation of World Politics*, OUP, 2023
 Bryman, A. et al., *Social Research Methods* Oxford, OUP, 2021
 Braw, E., *Goodbye Globalisation*, YUP, 2024