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MODULE DESCRIPTOR

Module Title

International Nutrition And Culture

Reference	AS1008	Version	1
Created	June 2017	SCQF Level	SCQF 7
Approved	June 2018	SCQF Points	15
Amended		ECTS Points	7.5

Aims of Module

To provide students with an understanding of the social and international aspects of food and nutrition, its multidisciplinary nature, and the relevance of history, geography, psychology, sociology and economics in understanding food patterns, food choices and their consequences across the world.

Learning Outcomes for Module

On completion of this module, students are expected to be able to:

- 1 Describe historical and geographical trends in food consumption, diet, and health and how these are informed by epidemiological and demographic methods.
- 2 Describe and explain food patterns and food choice in different groups and cultures.
- 3 Describe the factors that lead to poverty and malnutrition worldwide and be aware of the organisations involved in combating these.
- 4 Research a given topic relating to global food issues.

Indicative Module Content

Origin and development of the human diet and its diversity. Culture and food choice and its application in regards to the diet of ethnic and religious groups. Introduction to the principles of epidemiology and demography. Social and geographical patterns of food consumption and health. Causes and prevalence of poverty and malnutrition in the world, emphasising issues relating to demographic, political and economic factors. Food security and sustainability. National and international organisations involved in issues relating to food availability and nutrition. Role of WHO and response to emergencies. Professional role of nutritionists and dietitians in the context of global and social nutrition.

Module Delivery

Theoretical material is delivered by lectures and web based materials with supporting tutorials. Seminars will involve presentations on selected topics relevant to the themes of the module.

Indicative Student Workload	Full Time	Part Time
Contact Hours	42	N/A
Non-Contact Hours	108	N/A
Placement/Work-Based Learning Experience [Notional] Hours	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	150	N/A
<i>Actual Placement hours for professional, statutory or regulatory body</i>		

ASSESSMENT PLAN

If a major/minor model is used and box is ticked, % weightings below are indicative only.

Component 1

Type: Examination Weighting: 70% Outcomes Assessed: 1, 2, 3
 Description: Examination.

Component 2

Type: Practical Exam Weighting: 30% Outcomes Assessed: 4
 Description: Presentation.

MODULE PERFORMANCE DESCRIPTOR

Explanatory Text

This module is assessed using the two components of assessment as detailed in the Assessment Plan. To pass this module, students must achieve a module grade D or better.

Module Grade	Minimum Requirements to achieve Module Grade:
A	Final aggregate mark of 70% or greater and a minimum of 35% in C1 and C2.
B	Final aggregate mark of 60-69% and a minimum of 35% in C1 and C2.
C	Final aggregate mark of 50-59% and a minimum of 35% in C1 and C2.
D	Final aggregate mark of 40-49% and a minimum of 35% in C1 and C2.
E	MARGINAL FAIL. Final aggregate mark of 35-39% and a minimum of 35% in C1 and C2.
F	FAIL. A mark of less than 35% in either Component.
NS	Non-submission of work by published deadline or non-attendance for examination

Module Requirements

Prerequisites for Module	None, in addition to course entry requirements.
Corequisites for module	None.
Precluded Modules	None.

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