



Module Definition Form (MDF)

Module code: MOD009692	Version: Date Amended:
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1. Module Title
International Supply Chain Management

2a. Module Leader
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2b. School
School of Management

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Business and Law

3a. Level
5

3b. Module Type
Standard (fine graded)

4a. Credits
15

4b. Study Hours
150

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:			

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

International Supply Chain Management is an in-depth and comprehensive module designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to manage complex and dynamic supply chains in a global context. You'll explore the intricacies of supply chain operations, logistics, and strategic decision-making across international borders.

In today's interconnected world, businesses face unique challenges in managing their supply chains efficiently and effectively. This module focuses on the key elements of international supply chain management, including sourcing, procurement, transportation, inventory management, and distribution, while considering the cultural, legal, and geopolitical factors that influence global trade.

Full understanding of the importance of cultural intelligence becomes paramount when managing international supply chains. You'll learn to navigate diverse cultural landscapes, fostering effective communication and collaboration across borders to build strong relationships with partners and stakeholders.

Considering the reality of uncertainties in international operations, you'll analyze various risks such as geopolitical, economic, and natural disasters and develop strategies to mitigate potential disruptions and create resilient supply chain systems.

6b. Outline Content

Global Supply Chain Overview:

- Understanding the structure and components of international supply chains
- Analyzing the role of supply chain management in organizational success
- Exploring the complexities and challenges of managing global supply chains
- Global Sourcing and Procurement:

Evaluating sourcing options and supplier selection criteria

- Managing relationships with international suppliers
- Assessing risks and mitigating challenges in global procurement
- International Logistics and Transportation:

Exploring different transportation modes and their implications

- Managing cross-border logistics and customs regulations
- Optimizing transportation networks for efficiency and cost-effectiveness
- Inventory Management in a Global Context:

Understanding inventory control and demand forecasting in international operations

- Implementing effective inventory strategies to balance cost and service levels
- Addressing challenges in managing global inventory levels and lead times
- Risk Management in Global Supply Chains:

Identifying and mitigating risks associated with international supply chains

- Developing resilience and contingency plans for supply chain disruptions
- Handling geopolitical, economic, and natural disaster risks
- Cross-Cultural Communication and Collaboration:

Navigating cultural differences and communication challenges in international settings

- Building effective cross-cultural teams and partnerships

- Promoting collaboration and synergy in a diverse global supply chain environment
- Sustainability and Ethical Considerations:

Integrating sustainability principles into global supply chain practices

- Addressing ethical dilemmas and social responsibility in international operations
- Implementing environmentally friendly and socially conscious supply chain strategies
- Technology and Innovation in International Supply Chains:

Leveraging technology for enhanced visibility and traceability in global supply chains

- Exploring emerging technologies such as blockchain and IoT in supply chain management
- Enhancing operational efficiency and customer service through innovative solutions
- Global Supply Chain Strategy:

Developing and aligning supply chain strategies with overall business objectives

- Analyzing trade-offs between cost, speed, and flexibility in global supply chains
- Understanding the impact of supply chain decisions on organizational performance

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources	
None	

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)		
No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Apply relevant theoretical concepts and techniques to understand new complex business and supply chain situations;
2	Knowledge and Understanding	Acquire, analyze, and synthesize data and information to evaluate or improve a supply chain relationship, network or strategy using effective techniques;
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Recognize the need for change and complexities of leading and managing change within cultural contexts;
4	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Exercise initiative and personal responsibility to develop techniques and skills in managing business and supply chain situations.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2025/6	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	12	1-4	Lecture 1 hr x 12 weeks
Other teacher managed learning	12	1-4	Seminar 1 hr x 12 weeks
Student managed learning	126	1-4	Preparation for seminars, including reading, researching issues
TOTAL:	150		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence

Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-4	100 (%)	Fine Grade	30 (%)

Case Study Analysis (equivalent to 3,000 words)

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

(a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above

(b) pass any pass/fail elements

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]