



CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

Making a Difference



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Module Overview

The primary aim of this module is to build a sense of belonging to a common humanity and help you to become a responsible and active global citizen.

The project-based nature of the learning aims to empower you to assume an active role to face and resolve global challenges and to become a proactive contributor to a more peaceful, tolerant, inclusive and secure world.

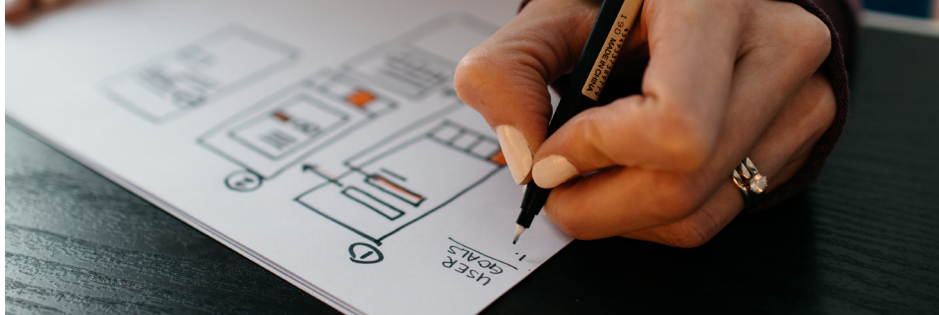
Throughout the module you will develop core competencies that allow you to actively engage with the world and help to make it a more just and sustainable place. You will be an active participant in projects that address global issues of a social, political, economic, or environmental nature through a multidisciplinary approach.

Multidisciplinary learning is a “whole” or “comprehensive” method that covers an idea, topic,

or text by integrating multiple knowledge domains. It is a very powerful method of learning that crosses the boundaries of a discipline in order to enhance the scope and depth of learning.

Multidisciplinary students stand out to employers because of the rich view of the world they develop. The wide range of perspectives you will have encountered during your studies, and the combination of subject areas you have studied could offer more flexible career choices.

In fact, many vacancies don't specify the subject knowledge required for the role; it's the skills you have developed in your studies as well as your other life experiences that employers are interested in. Studying more than one subject, therefore, helps you to develop important transferable skills, which are continually developing at all stages of life.



Module Structure

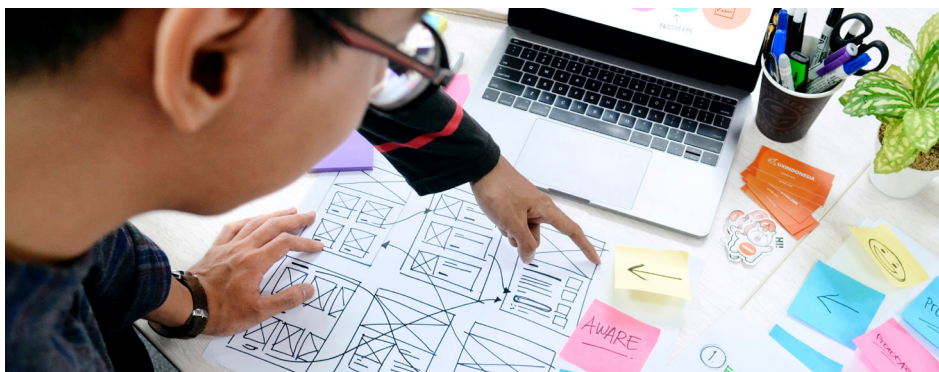
The module has 48 hours of scheduled learning, your module tutor will explain how this will be organised between face to face (in person or online) sessions and the use of the available digital content on Moodle.

The online content is split between the following 4 units:

The four units are:

- Unit 1. Visions of the Future
- Unit 2. The Future is Human
- Unit 3. Change by Design
- Unit 4. Problem Solving Challenge

This module incorporates project-based learning and as such you will be expected to undertake group work to meet the learning outcomes of the module.



The module consists of two assessments, an e-portfolio and a group presentation with supporting document, which you will find in the Module Handbook.

Navigating Through the Module

As you work through this learning content you will be asked to undertake various types of learning activity to enhance and support your understanding of the material. It is important that you fully engage with these learning activities as the acquisition of information is only one part of the learning process – by being an active participant in your learning through these activities you will develop a deeper and richer understanding of the topics and concepts covered in the module.

Whenever you see the following tasks and icons, it means you need to complete an activity:



Check tasks provide an opportunity for you to check how well you have understood the topic so far. Self-assessment is an important part of the learning process as it enables you to reinforce those concepts you understand well, and highlight any misconceptions and/or areas where you may need to do some further study.



You will often be asked to pause and consider ideas and concepts you have just learned, to allow the learning to “sink in” and start to think more widely about how it fits in with your discipline. Although **Reflect** tasks don't usually require you to write anything, it's important to take the time to think about the question asked and you can of course record your thoughts in your personal notes if you wish.



Learning online shouldn't be a solitary activity – being able to discuss, collaborate and compare your understanding with other learners doing the same study as you is a powerful tool in maximising your learning gains. Seeing that others have the same understanding as you can be a real confidence boost and reassure you that you are on the right track, and if others are interpreting things differently seeing things from a different perspective can be equally valuable. Being an active part of a learning community through a **Network** task brings benefits to you and other members of that community.



These modules cover topics and skills that are valuable across all disciplines, however you will be able to understand, appreciate and benefit most by considering how the learning fits in with your academic discipline and your own beliefs and values. **Apply** tasks give you the opportunity to place the learning in a context that is relevant to you, and to link your learning with your real life goals.

Everything you need you will find in the Moodle page for the module, where you will also find a question-and-answer forum to raise any concerns you have when progressing through the materials.



You are now ready to start your learning.

Good Luck!



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