Module Descriptor

Title	Contemporary Challenges In Scm		
Session	2026/27	**Status**	Approved
Code	BUSN 11148	**SCQF Level**	11
Credit Points	20	**ECTS (European Credit Transfer Scheme)**	10
School	**Business and Creative Industries**		
Module Co-ordinator	Mehran Ullah		

Summary of Module

This module explores the contemporary challenges in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. It covers the complexities and trends that organizations and managers face in the global logistics and supply chain landscape. The module covers challenges arising from globalization, sustainable development, supply chain resilience, the influence of cultures, and the responsibilities of being a good corporate citizen in the supply chain context. The module examines how global logistics trends influence managers and organizations, as well as the function of technology in modern logistics practices.

The module is flexible in its content and subject areas, adapting as new trends and challenges in logistics and supply chain management emerge; this ensures the module remains current due to the flexibility of the module delivery.

Module Delivery Method	**On-Campus[1]** ☒	**Hybrid[2]** ☒	**Online[3]** ☒	**Work -Based Learning[4]** ☐
Campuses for Module Delivery	☐ Ayr ☐ Dumfries	☐ Lanarkshire ☐ London ☒ Paisley X	☒ Online / Distance Learning ☐ Other (specify)	

Terms for Module Delivery	Term 1	☒	Term 2	☒	Term 3	X☒

[1] Where contact hours are synchronous/ live and take place fully on campus. Campus-based learning is focused on providing an interactive learning experience supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[2] The module includes a combination of synchronous/ live on-campus and online learning events. These will be supported by a range of digitally-enabled asynchronous learning opportunities including learning materials, resources, and opportunities provided via the virtual learning environment. On-campus and online contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[3] Where all learning is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies and the participants can engage in all learning activities through these means. All required contact hours will be clearly articulated to students.

[4] Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace. All required contact hours, whether online or on campus, will be clearly articulated to students

Long-thin Delivery over more than one Term	Term 1 – Term 2	☐	Term 2 – Term 3	☐	Term 3 – Term 1	☐

Learning Outcomes	
L1	Critically analysing the Contemporary Challenges in L&SCM.
L2	Develop extensive knowledge, skills, practices, and thinking in the area of sustainability and CSR in logistics and supply chain management.
L3	Critically evaluate technological advancements to optimize logistics and supply chain processes.
L4	A critical awareness into global logistics trends and the evolving geopolitical landscape shaping supply chain management practices.
L5	

Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	**During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:**
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	**SCQF 11** A broad understanding of principal theories, concepts, and principles in logistics and supply chain management A critical and integrated knowledge of the main challenges and trends impacting on organisations and supply chain managers. Extensive and critical knowledge of supply chain management and organisational responses to the challenges and trends impacting L&SCM performance.
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	**SCQF 11** Apply a range of principal professional skills, techniques, and practices associated with logistics and supply chain management in real-world contexts. Utilize skills, techniques, and practices informed by forefront developments to address complex challenges in logistics and supply chain management.
Generic Cognitive skills	**SCQF 11** Applying critical analysis and evaluation to some issues in supply chain management Identifying, abstracting, responding creatively to theoretical and practical issues in challenges and environmental trends in L&SCM Critically reviewing and extending knowledge; and making informed judgements when information is inconsistent or incomplete.
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	**SCQF 11** Communicating effectively to a range of audiences, including peers and tutors Using a wide range of software packages to support and enhance learning. Critically evaluating a wide range of numerical and graphical data as appropriate.

Autonomy, Accountability and Working with Others	**SCQF 11** Exercising a significant autonomy and initiative in studies taking responsibility for own work, interactions with peers, and draw on critical self-reflection. Dealing with complex issues inherent in the Logistics & SCM.

Prerequisites	**Module Code**	**Module Title**
	Other	
Co-requisites	**Module Code**	**Module Title**

Learning and Teaching

In line with current learning and teaching principles, a 20-credit module includes 200 learning hours, normally including a minimum of 36 contact hours and maximum of 48 contact hours.

The delivery strategy will focus on a student-centric and directed learning approach. This methodology will provide the foundation on which the students learning will be built through the face-to-face workshops. The workshops will have no more than 40 students. Prior to attending these workshops sessions, students will engage in preparatory work, setting the stage for in-depth exploration and contextualization within various scenarios. The workshops will be enquiry based with structure and unstructured activities. The students will be expected to take responsibility for their direction of learning.

Learning Activities During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	**Student Learning Hours** (Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Laboratory / Practical Demonstration / Workshop	36
Independent Study	164
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TOTAL	200

Indicative Resources

The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes:

Basu, R., 2023. Managing Global Supply Chains: Contemporary Global Challenges in Supply Chain Management. Routledge.

*Supply Chain Management: An International Journal, ISSN: 1359-8546, Publisher: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Available at: https://www.emeraldgrouppublishing.com/journal/scm

*Journal of Supply Chain Management (JSCM), ISSN:1523-2409, Publisher: Wiley.

Available at: www.journalofsupplychainmanagement.com
(N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)

Attendance and Engagement Requirements
In line with the Student Attendance and Engagement Procedure, Students are academically engaged if they are regularly attending and participating in timetabled on-campus and online teaching sessions, asynchronous online learning activities, course-related learning resources, and complete assessments and submit these on time. **For the purposes of this module, academic engagement equates to the following:** Student must attend and actively participate in every scheduled Face-to face and online sessions. Students must undertake directed reading and preparation before coming to each workshop sessions including any asynchronous activities.

Equality and Diversity
The University's Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Procedure can be accessed at the following link: UWS Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Code. At the University of the West of Scotland (UWS), our commitment to equality, diversity is integral to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. Our policy underpins every aspect of student engagement, ensuring UWS to be a fair and equitable place of learning. We strive to address and champion all dimensions of equality and diversity thus creating an institution that values and respects the unique contributions of each individual. To meet the diverse needs of our student body, we are dedicated to adapting learning experiences and module assessments where required. This personalised approach ensures that all students can succeed, regardless of their background or circumstances. By embracing and promoting these principles, we aim to cultivate a learning community where everyone feels valued, supported, and empowered to achieve their full potential.
(N.B. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate any equality and diversity issues brought to the attention of the School)

Supplemental Information

Divisional Programme Board	**Marketing, Innovation, Tourism & Events**Error! Bookmark not defined.
Overall Assessment Results	**Graded**
Module Eligible for Compensation	**No** **If this module is eligible for compensation, there may be cases where compensation is not permitted due to programme accreditation requirements. Please check the associated programme specification for details.**
School Assessment Board	MITE
Moderator	TBC
External Examiner	Andrew Thorn
Accreditation Details	None

Module Appears in CPD catalogue	☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**
Changes / Version Number	1

Assessment (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)
Assessment 1
Portfolio of written work
Assessment 2
Assessment 3
(N.B. (i) Assessment Outcomes Grids for the module (one for each component) can be found below which clearly demonstrate how the learning outcomes of the module will be assessed. (ii) An indicative schedule listing approximate times within the academic calendar when assessment is likely to feature will be provided within the Student Module Handbook.)

Component 1							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
PORTFOLIO	☒	☒	☒	☒	☐	100%	

Component 2							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
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Component 3							
Assessment Type	**LO1**	**LO2**	**LO3**	**LO4**	**LO5**	**Weighting of Assessment Element (%)**	**Timetabled Contact Hours**
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Combined total for all components						100%	hours

Change Control

What	**When**	**Who**