

COURSE OUTLINE

Year: 2006/2007

LEVEL: III High Performance Group, **TERM 1**

NAME OF THE SUBJECT: International Current Affairs

NO. CREDITS: 4

NAME OF THE TEACHER: Brian McGarry

SHORT CV OF THE TEACHER: Brian McGarry has a bachelor's degree in Mathematical Sciences and a master's degree in Economics, Finance and Management. He has worked in strategic consultancy, economic and political analysis, and journalism. He has been Spanish correspondent of the Economist Intelligence Unit since 1992.

SEMESTER 1

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is multi-disciplinary course that seeks to analyse, in depth and from the broadest number of perspectives, some of the main political, economic, social and cultural issues affecting the world today. The analysis will always be forward looking, seeking to question established views and assumptions, and drawing conclusions on likely future scenarios. The course will never lose sight of the fact that this is a business class: as such, students must always identify the business risks and opportunities in their analysis. Classes will be discussion-based and will demand a high level of class participation.

COURSE OBJECTIVE: The course aims to stimulate students' ability to research, analyse, and interpret the main forces at work in the world today.

COURSE STRUCTURE: The course is on "current affairs", and issues addressed will be decided together in class. However, as an example, I list below possible subject matters.

SYLLABUS

SEMESTER 1			
			CLASS SUBJECT
12 Sept -15 Sept	Enrolment / Orientation / Registration Week	Wk 1	Introduction.
18 Sept -22 Sept	Teaching Week 1	Wk 2	Globalisation: risks and opportunities
25 Oct -29 Oct	Teaching Week 2	Wk 3	International financial imbalances and potential crisis
02 Oct -06 Oct	Teaching Week 3	Wk 4	Immigration (cross-border movement of labour)
09 Oct -11 Oct	Teaching Week 4 12 Oct, 13 Oct Bank Holiday	Wk 5	Ageing societies
16 Oct -20 Oct	Teaching Week 5	Wk 6	Developing world debt; developed world debt
23 Oct -27 Oct	Teaching Week 6	Wk 7	China
30 Oct -03 Nov	Teaching Week 7 01 Nov Bank Holiday	Wk 8	India
06 Nov -10 Nov	Teaching Week 8	Wk 9	Africa
13 Nov -17 Nov	Teaching Week 9	Wk 10	Energy (oil, gas, nuclear, alternatives)
20 Nov -24 Nov	Teaching Week 10	Wk 11	Water
27 Nov -01 Dec	Teaching Week 11	Wk 12	Innovation and intellectual property rights
04 Dec -08 Dec	Teaching Week 12 06 Dec – 08 Dec Bank Holiday	Wk 13	Healthcare
11 Dec –15 Dec	EXAMS	Wk 14	
	TOTAL HOURS		