

Module Title: INTERNATIONAL PURCHASING AND SUPPLY-CHAIN MANAGEMENT

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Module Code 6LO501

Pre-requisite None

Module Level 6

Credit value 20

Total Number of Learning Hours 200

Key Words International, Purchasing, Logistics, Supply-Chain Management, Physical Distribution, Warehousing, Inventory Control, Outsourcing, Sustainability, Strategy

Module Delivery Mode: Blended / Face to Face

Module Description

This module provides a comprehensive analysis of the principles and practices of the international supply chain and the strategic impact this can have on the organisation.

With the ever-increasing pressure of competition among companies, the move towards consolidation of global production and the improvements in communication and transportation systems the supply market is now a global phenomenon. To that end the sourcing and outsourcing of materials or the engagement of service providers is taking on an international perspective. This alters dramatically the role of purchasing, to a more strategic and global posture. This module explores the forces that guide the development of the supply chain: the supply chain concept, the trends within global business and a strategic shift being taken by an increasing number of enterprises towards core competencies.

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module, students will be able to:

1. Evaluate a range of theories and models relating to International Purchasing, Logistics and Supply Chain Management and how these contribute to delivering superior goods and services in a competitive business environment
2. Apply and justify the use of theory to real world scenarios to deliver business improvement

Module Content

Strategic considerations

International Supply Chain Management

Commercial Considerations

Procurement Considerations

International Physical Distribution and Documentation

Customs Management and Planning

Managing International Logistics

Government and political influence

Society and technology

Module Learning and Teaching Methods

Activity type	Hours	Category
Lectures:	12 hours	1
Seminars/workshops:	24 hours	1
Guided Independent Study	164 hours	2
Total:	200 hours	

Total Learning Hours in each category:

a) Category 1: $12 + 24 = 36$ (18%)

b) Category 2: 164 hours (82%)

This module will be presented in the form of interactive lectures and seminars. Students will be expected to take responsibility for their own learning and re-enforcement, with particular emphasis on directed study between taught sessions, and on testing out ideas within their own organisations or in case studies. Senior practicing managers from a variety of business sectors and from all areas of Purchasing, Logistics and Supply-Chain Management will be invited to give guest presentations on practical issues that they face.

Group-work and peer learning will be encouraged to build a positive learning and engaged environment.

Coursework wherever possible will be linked to the students' own organisations and to their present and future positions and responsibilities. These and other case studies will provide

fertile ground for deepening students' capabilities and understanding. These varied coursework activities will be part of the formative assessments, which will provide a good foundation to enable students to undertake the summative assessments which will test achievement of the module learning outcomes.

Elements of the module will be linked in an integrative business perspective by means of practical activities,

Module Assessment

Mode: Coursework /Examination 100%

Formative assessment will occur within seminars when students will be expected to lead discussion, debate and information sharing.

Coursework 1 100%

Individual Report of 3500 words will be required to draw of contemporary issues in supply chain activity to demonstrate positive returns for businesses.

Tests All Learning Outcomes.

Reading list

Booth, C. (2010) Strategic procurement: organising suppliers and supply chains for competitive advantage, Stamford, CIPS Publications

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Christopher, M (2010) Logistics and Supply Chain Management 4th Edition, London, Pearson Education

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Crocker, B et al (2011) Inbound Logistics Management - Storage and Supply of Materials for the Modern Supply Chain, 7th Edition, London, Pearson Education

Emmett, S. and Crocker, B. (2010) Excellence in global supply chain management, Stamford, CIPS Publications

Harrison, A. and Van Hoek, R. (2010) Logistics Management and Strategy - Competing through the Supply Chain, 4th Edition, London, Pearson Education

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McGuffog, et al (2009) Value chain management, London, CILT

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