

GEM: Geographies of Globalisation, Level 2, Dr Andrew Tallon

Hi, my name's Andrew Tallon, I'm the module leader for the level 1 module Geographies of Globalisation. We use the FET Blackboard module template because it provides a structured and organised user experience for students. But it also enables the module team to be engaging and add value beyond the classroom.

Our module site opens with the Announcements page. Our announcements are made at least weekly to maintain staff-student interaction throughout the whole of the module.

Next is a Module Introduction page. This page gives an overview of what is covered in the module. It also includes the Learning Outcomes, details of how Blackboard will be used and how the module relates to the rest of the course.

After this we have a section for the Module Handbook. This covers all the essential module information in one document.

After that, there is a Module Schedule. Ours shows the topics of each lecture and the staff delivering the session.

The next content area is the Learning Materials area. This is the key content area of the module site. Ours is structured into a week by week folder which contain the PowerPoints but also links to readings, websites and videos and any other relevant

resources. These are revealed to students week by week prior to the lecture including any tasks to be carried out in advance. We think this motivates the students before the session and encourages students to be proactive about their learning.

In line with the FET module template, our digital reading list is the next section on the menu. Students find this really useful throughout the whole of the module.

After that is the Assignments page where we provide information on the module's assignments and assessment weightings. Here, we've started with the key information from the module handbook and added folders for resources relating to specific assessments.

Next is the Contacts page to help students get in touch with us whenever they need to throughout the whole of the module.

The Resit Material page is where all the resources for resit students can be found. This area is kept hidden until a few weeks before the resit period.

The final section of the FET Blackboard module template is the Module Enhancement page. We use this area to demonstrate that we take student feedback seriously and value their views.

And that's the end of the tour of our Blackboard module site for Geographies of Globalisation. Thanks.