Economics of Population

Module Code: ECO00015I Credits: 10 Year: 2 Terms: 1
Contact Hours: 8 Lectures, 3 Seminars (11 contact hours)
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Overview:
The module provides an introduction to the main theoretical, ethical and policy issues in population economics. Among the topics covered are Malthus and Malthusianism, the economics of population growth, population optimality, economic theories of fertility, economic influences on mortality, the economics of migration and the economic consequences of population ageing.

Aims:
- To give a broad overview of population economics
- To highlight and analyse key debates within population economics

Objectives:
On completing the module a student will be able to:
- Understand how population interacts with the economy
- Compare and evaluate arguments and theories within population economics
- Apply economic analysis to population questions
- Reach an independent critical judgement about the economic aspects of population

Assessment:
The module will be assessed by two essays chosen from a list of six titles, to be submitted by 4pm on Monday of Week 5 of the Spring Term of the second year.

Main References:
Relevant as preliminary reading are: