

French

Module descriptors for Inbound Students.

Name	Françafrique
Code	FRU33122
Semester	2
ECTS credits	5
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Module Content

This module explores the historical, political, economic, linguistic, and cultural dynamics of Françafrique and its role in shaping France's relationship with its former African colonies. Françafrique has a complex legacy influencing global geopolitics and the socio-economic trajectories of Francophone African states.

The module examines the evolution of this framework, the shifts in Africa's geopolitical alignment, and the competitive pressures arising from global actors like China, European Union, Russia, and Turkey. Case studies will illustrate how Françafrique ambitions and its alignment with the conditionality framework intersect with broader geopolitical changes, while learners critically engage with theoretical approaches and real-world implications.

Module Aims

The aims of the module are to:

- Understand the historical origins and evolution of Françafrique as a form of neo-colonialism.
- Analyse the political, economic, cultural, and linguistic mechanisms underpinning Françafrique.
- Examine how shifts in global geopolitics are reshaping Africa's partnerships and regional dynamics.
- Evaluate case studies to identify practical challenges and opportunities for Francophone African states and global actors.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Critically analyse the historical, economic, and political dimensions of Françafrique.
2. Apply theories of postcolonialism and neo-colonialism to evaluate contemporary Africa-France relations.
3. Synthesise knowledge from case studies to assess the challenges of Françafrique in a competitive geopolitical environment.
4. Develop and present solutions for Francophone Africa's integration into the global economy free from conditionality tactics, balancing aspirations, sovereignty and international win-win cooperation.

Assessment

Formative Assessment (FA) and summative assessment (SA):

- Module Assessment Component 1 (MAC1): Group oral presentation on an aspect of Françafrique, post-colonialism, neo-colonialism, Francophone Africa's partnership alignment shifts in a competitive geopolitical environment (SA); Weighting 40% (Learning Outcomes 1-4).
- Module Assessment Component 2 (MAC2): An individual essay of 1500 words on an aspect of Françafrique, post-colonialism, neo-colonialism, Francophone Africa's partnership alignment shifts in a competitive geopolitical environment (FA); Weighting 60% (Learning Outcomes 1-4).