

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: HUMAN RIGHTS
Status: Definitive
Code: **6009POLIT** (114705)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 12.00
Total Delivered Hours: 24.00
Total Learning Hours: 120
Private Study: 96

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

| Component | Contact Hours |
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| Seminar | 12.000 |
| Tutorial | 12.000 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Essay | AS1 | 2500-3000 word essay. | 100.0 | |

Aims

To provide a broad overview of the development of international human rights politics since the signing of the Universal Declaration;
To examine the ideas, theories, and practical implications of human rights in a rapidly globalising world;
To investigate the politics of human rights through global issues and country-based case studies;
To analyse the problems of compliance in international human rights regimes.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Critically evaluate theories of universal human rights and cultural relativism;
- 2 Analyse the problems involved in asserting universal human rights across political and cultural divides;
- 3 Analyse the political development of human rights through comparative study;
- 4 Evaluate the effectiveness of emerging global human rights regimes.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay 1 2 3 4

Outline Syllabus

The emergence of international human rights from 1945
Theories of universal human rights
Cultural relativism
Civil and political human rights
The domestic politics of human rights
Regional human rights regimes
Global human rights regimes
International human rights policy in a new world order

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars and group-based research.

References

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Claude, R and Weston, B (eds) |
| Publishing Year | 2006 |
| Title | Human Rights in the World Community: Issues and Action |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | University of Pennsylvania Press |
| ISBN | |

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| Course Material | Book |
| Author | Forsythe, P |
| Publishing Year | 2006 |

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|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Title | Human Rights in International Relations |
| Subtitle | |
| Edition | |
| Publisher | Cambridge University Press. |
| ISBN | |

Notes

This module provides an introduction to the theoretical discourse of human rights, and the development of related global governance structures since 1948. Students will evaluate the political and practical implications of promoting and defending human rights through country-based comparative analysis.