

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: The United Nations and International Security
Status: Definitive
Code: **6108LAWPL** (121621)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

| Team | Leader |
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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 44
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 156

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

| Component | Contact Hours |
|-----------|---------------|
| Lecture | 11 |
| Online | 11 |
| Seminar | 22 |

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

| Category | Short Description | Description | Weighting (%) | Exam Duration |
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| Essay | Essay | 4500 words essay | 100 | |

Aims

The module seeks to introduce students to the work of the United Nations in the maintenance and restoration of international peace and security. Upon completion of the module, students will have an understanding of the legal framework which governs the work of the UN in this area, and be aware of the influence of political factors upon the operation of this framework.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the debates that exist in respect of the theory and practice of collective security within the United Nations era.
- 2 Demonstrate familiarity with relevant provisions of the UN Charter and controversies to have arisen in respect of their utilisation.
- 3 Undertake independent study and locate relevant source materials.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

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| 4500 words essay | 1 | 2 | 3 |
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Outline Syllabus

The Theory of Collective Security

The League of Nations

Diplomacy and the Role of the UN Secretary-General

Non-Military Sanctions

UN Peacekeeping

Military Enforcement Action

Regional Organisations

Learning Activities

Lectures

Seminars

Online Exercises

Notes

The role played by the United Nations in the maintenance of international peace and security is both an interesting and controversial issue. In light of much recent international conflict, the module is very topical and likely to evolve constantly with changes in the international political climate. The module adopts an interdisciplinary approach, considering not only the legal rules which govern UN activity, but also the impact of political factors upon the work of the UN. The module is likely to be of special appeal to those with interests in international affairs, politics or history.