

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Human Rights: The Social and Cultural History of an Idea  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **6127HIST** (127700)  
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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:** 20  
**Total Delivered Hours:** 36  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200  
**Private Study:** 164

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	12

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	1000-word Source Interpretation	25	
Presentation	AS2	15-minute oral presentation	25	
Essay	AS3	2000-word essay	50	

### Aims

*To provide students with specialist knowledge of the history of humanitarian action and human rights activism in the 19th and 20th centuries and their intellectual, historical and political underpinnings.*

*To provide students with an in-depth grasp of the current historiographical debates.*  
*To provide students with detailed knowledge of the history of humanitarian and human rights organizations, their campaigns and the modern human rights regime*

after 1945.

## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Independently engage with a variety of historical sources including film, television, newspaper reports and organization archives.
- 2 Critically evaluate the links between the theory and practice of humanitarianism and human rights and their historical contexts.
- 3 Present coherently and efficiently in an oral presentation the analysis of both primary and secondary sources.

## Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

1000 wd source Interpretation	1	2	
15-minute oral presentation	1	2	
2000 word essay	1	2	3

## Outline Syllabus

*Recent Debates on the History of Human Rights*  
*The Enlightenment Roots of the Human Rights Discourse*  
*Universal, National, Personal? The European Debate 1815-1896*  
*The Dreyfus Affair and the Foundation of the French League for Human Rights*  
*A Light that Failed? Human Rights and the League of Nations*  
*Exile and Resistance: International Responses to Fascism and the Holocaust*  
*The United Nations and the Creation of the First Human Rights Regime*  
*Biafra and the Greek Dictatorship: Two Early Human Rights Campaigns*  
*The Human Rights Revolution of the 1970s*  
*The Chile and Anti-Apartheid Campaigns: Human Rights Activism as a Mass Phenomenon*  
*Human Rights in the 21st Century: Last Utopia or Ideology of Western Dominance?*

## Learning Activities

Lectures, Seminars, Self-directed study, Small Group Work.

## Notes

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