

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: THE UNITED NATIONS, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND GLOBAL JUSTICE
Status: Definitive
Code: **7000LAWCJ** (107830)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2016
Owning School/Faculty: Law
Teaching School/Faculty: Law

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 15
Total Delivered Hours: 18
Total Learning Hours: 150
Private Study: 132

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Seminar	18

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	4000 WORD ESSAY	100	

Aims

To introduce students to the key features of the United Nations Collective Security System.

To enable students to understand and critically evaluate the effectiveness of the United Nations as an actor capable of contributing to international security and global justice.

To enable students to understand and critically evaluate the various factors which impinge upon the collective security function fulfilled by the United Nations.

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 familiarity with relevant provisions of the UN Charter, so far as they regulate its activities in the field of international peace and security and relations with other organisations.
- 2 Demonstrate a critical awareness of areas of controversy and current debates concerning the role of the United Nations in peace and security issues.
- 3 Undertake independent study and locate relevant source materials.
- 4 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the various factors - legal, political, sociological and economic - that impact upon the United Nations' performance of its collective security functions.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

4,000 word essay	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

Key concepts within International Relations and International Law
The theory and history of collective security
The United Nations Charter framework for collective security
Diplomacy
Non-Military Sanctions
Peacekeeping
Military Enforcement Action
Burden-Sharing with Regional Organizations
Reform Proposals

Learning Activities

9 Sessions, consisting of a mixture of lecture and interactive seminar elements. Self-directed study based upon critical reflection on course materials provided. Preparation for the written module assessment.

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, this module is very topical and is likely to evolve constantly with changes in the international political climate. The approach adopted will be inter-disciplinary, considering the legal, political, sociological and economic factors which impact upon the work of the UN. Several case studies will be used to assess the role of the UN in the maintenance of international peace and security, and in delivering global justice.