



Module Specification

International Human Rights Law

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Part 1: Information

Module title: International Human Rights Law

Module code: UJUUMT-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2025-26

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Business & Law

Department: FBL Dept of Law

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Frenchay Campus

Field: Law Undergraduate (Programmes)

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: The purpose of the module is to provide an in-depth understanding of the protection of the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals under international, regional and national law. The module content will enable students to gain comprehensive knowledge of how different legal systems interact in safeguarding human rights, the obligations of states towards individuals, the scope and nature of selected human rights norms such as the prohibition of torture, the right to liberty and

security and women's rights; the international, regional and national procedures and mechanisms that ensure the implementation of these rights in practice; and contemporary challenges to effective human rights protection and implementation.

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: The aim of this module is to enable students to develop a critical understanding of international human rights law and to develop their legal skills within this subject context.

Outline syllabus: The indicative syllabus for this module includes:

Introduction to Human Rights

Historical Foundations of Human Rights

Critiques of Human Rights

International mechanisms of human rights protection

Regional mechanisms of human rights protection

Concept of Jurisdiction and Derogations

Individual Human Rights such as (topics will be confirmed at the beginning of each academic year):

The prohibition of torture

The right to liberty and security

Women's rights

Children's Rights

Refugee Rights

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The learning on this module will take place through a variety of modes including directed independent learning, self-directed learning, and group activities. Students will need to adopt a proactive approach to the module and engage with the full offer of learning opportunities to ensure successful achievement of the learning outcomes.

Self-directed learning includes activities such as reading, note-taking, research, and exploring resources. Group activities may include discussions, legal debate,

collaborative working, and peer learning. The module is designed for delivery through lecturals and workshop sessions to offer an authentic learning experience.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Critically analyse the effectiveness of the current global and regional human rights regimes

MO2 Research effectively to support their learning

MO3 Demonstrate creative problem solving and strategic thinking to formulate solutions to human rights case studies, in writing and orally

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 234 hours

Face-to-face learning = 66 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/809E4BC9-F02F-53C8-5131-D71FEFE01C51.html?lang=en&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/809E4BC9-F02F-53C8-5131-D71FEFE01C51.html?lang=en&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The module assessments will include a range of knowledge and skills. They will include oral presentations and problem solving report writing.

Assessment components:

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: An oral assessment consisting of a 15-minute oral presentation supported by PowerPoint slides and a bibliography.

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: A written coursework of 2,500 words in the form of an advice to a prospective applicant, a submission to a human rights monitoring body or an opinion of a human rights monitoring body based on an extended case study

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Presentation (Resit)

Description: An oral assessment consisting of a 15-minute oral presentation supported by PowerPoint slides and a bibliography.

Weighting: 40 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: A written coursework of 2,500 words in the form of an advice to a prospective applicant, a submission to a human rights monitoring body or an opinion of a human rights monitoring body based on an extended case study

Weighting: 60 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Law [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2023-24

Law [Villa] LLB (Hons) 2023-24

Law {Foundation} [Frenchay] LLB (Hons) 2023-24