



MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Information			
Module Title	Beyond Human Rights: The Politics of International Law		
Module Code	UZQNHB-30-2	Level	Level 5
For implementation from	2020-21		
UWE Credit Rating	30	ECTS Credit Rating	15
Faculty	Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences	Field	Politics
Department	HAS Dept of Health & Social Sciences		
Module type:	Standard		
Pre-requisites	None		
Excluded Combinations	None		
Co- requisites	None		
Module Entry requirements	None		

Part 2: Description
<p>Educational Aims: In this module, students will critically explore the role of international human rights in world politics, as well as other key issues that lie at the intersection of international law and international relations. In doing so, the module introduces students to the following: contending theoretical perspectives and debates to the study of human rights and other international issues; the historical emergence and institutionalization of human rights and other international norms; multilateral and regional mechanisms aimed at the regulation of these international norms; and key controversies and challenges involved in the practice and politics of international human rights, as well as other contemporary international issues.</p> <p>In doing so, the module exposes students to, and encourages critical engagement with, a range of international policy and legal documents on the issues that are explored in the module. This may include: official decisions of the United Nations Security Council; resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly; international treaties; and the decisions and advisory opinions of international courts, such as the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court.</p> <p>Outline Syllabus: Aside from a focus on international human rights, other issues that will be examined may include:</p>

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Genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity

Refugees

Minority protection

Humanitarian intervention

The use of force in world politics

The regulation of war and armed conflict

The recognition of states, statehood and self-determination

The global environment and the rights of nature

Nuclear weapons

Piracy and the regulation of the oceans and seas .

Teaching and Learning Methods: The module is delivered via lectures, which are supplemented by seminar and workshop sessions. Support is provided through face-to-face contact (lectures and office hours) and additionally, via email and Blackboard updates.

Part 3: Assessment

Component A: Individual Presentation

This piece of assessment will enable students to critically engage with the lecture topics, as well as to develop, through a 'flipped classroom' context, a range of employability skills including presentation skills, team work, creative thinking, innovation, and professionalism.

Component B: Case review (2,500 words)

This will require students to complete a critical analysis of one controversial issue in contemporary international law and international relations. This may include specific engagement with key international legal and political documents, such as: a ruling of an international court; resolutions of international organizations; or international treaties.

This piece of assessment will enable students to develop critical thinking skills, analytical skills, independent research skills, and digital fluency. In addition, this piece of assessment has been selected as it represents the most suitable way in which to encourage critical analysis of international legal and political documents.

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Case Study - Component B	✓	60 %	Case review (2,500 words)
Presentation - Component A		40 %	Recorded presentation (20 minutes)
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Part 4: Teaching and Learning Methods																	
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Reading List	<p><i>The reading list for this module can be accessed via the following link:</i></p> <p>https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqnhb-30-2.html</p>																

Part 5: Contributes Towards	
<p>This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:</p> <p>Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][FT][Frenchay][4yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19</p> <p>Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][SW][Frenchay][5yrs] BA (Hons) 2018-19</p>	