

COURSE SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT

NOTE: ANY CHANGES TO A CSD MUST GO THROUGH ALL OF THE RELEVANT APPROVAL PROCESSES, INCLUDING LTPC.

Academic School/Department: Communications, Arts and Social Sciences

Programme: MA in International Development

Level: 7

Course Title: International Institutions and Law

Course Code: IND 7102

Course Leader: Dr Michael Keating

Student Engagement Hours: 200

Seminars: 39

Tutorials: 6

Independent / Guided Learning : 155

Semester: AUTUMN

Credits: 20 UK CATS credits

10 ECTS credits

4 US credits

Course Description:

The course will examine the system of global governance through some of its main mechanisms – international institutions and international law. Students will consider the operation and relevance of key parts of the UN system, for example the Security Council and its role in Peacekeeping Operations and R2P, regional institutions, the IMF, World Bank, WTO and WHO. We will look at the strength and relevance of international laws, particularly as they pertain to issues such as war, human rights, democracy and international interventions. The course will also look at key issues in global governance such as the role of private actors, environmental concerns and the global economy.

Pre-requisites: MA International Relations and MA International Development students only

Aims and Objectives:

- Introduce students to the principal concerns in the realm of global order, cosmopolitan justice, global governance, international law and international institutions.
- Analyse the role of state power, cooperation, coercion, and global norms in the pursuit of these values.
- Examine the debate over the usefulness and effectiveness of these instruments, as they have taken centre stage in the analysis of global governance after the end of the Cold War.

Programme Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the students will have achieved the following programme outcomes.

A; B; C; D; E; F; G

A detailed list of the programme outcomes are found in the Programme Specification. This is located at the Departmental/Schools page of the portal.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the students will have achieved the following learning outcomes.

- Demonstrates a deep and systematic understanding of key texts, thinkers, intellectual paradigms, themes and debates in global governance, while reflecting on their relationship to empirical evidence and to international relations more broadly.
- Develops critical and innovative responses to theories and practices of global governance.
- Demonstrates a deep and systematic ability to adapt and apply disciplinary knowledge to issues in global governance.
- Designs and undertakes substantial investigations of theory and/or practice in international institutions and/or international law.
- Engages with and evaluates complex, incomplete or contradictory evidence with regard to issues in global governance.
- Demonstrates the ability to exercise initiative in organising and pursuing projects and assignments in international institutions and law.
- Demonstrates the ability to gather, organise and effectively communicate complex and abstract ideas and diverse information in the context of global governance

Indicative Content:

- Theoretical approaches to global governance
- Key debates and issues with regard to international institutions
- The broader significance of international institutions to issues of development and developing states
- The politics of international law
- Key issues with peace and security with regard to international institutions and law (i.e. R2P, UN Security Council, Peacekeeping Operations)
- New actors in global governance
- Key issues areas in global governance (the global economy, trade, development, environment, health)

Assessment:

This course conforms to the Richmond University Standard Assessment Norms approved at Academic Council on June 28, 2012.

