

Human rights play a peculiar role in contemporary national and international affairs. They are, first and foremost, moral rights that all human beings should be guaranteed, but they also require implementation in positive law and institutions. This module will examine some of the most prominent theories of rights and examine some of the problems that arise from human rights talk and human rights implementation. These include various challenges to the idea of human rights, conflicts between rights, human rights and democracy and the relation between human rights and distributive justice.

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<div style="text-align:center;"><p>Curricular information is subject to change</p></div>

What will I learn?

Learning Outcomes:

<p>On completion of this course, students will: be familiar with the main theories of human rights, be able to analyse and present normative political arguments, be able to formulate their own views and write a structured critical essay on a module topic.</p>

Indicative Module Content:

<p>Theories of human rights.
Human rights and development.
Human rights and justice.</p>

How will I learn?

Student Effort Hours:

Student Effort Type	Hours
Seminar (or Webinar)	22
Autonomous Student Learning	202
Total	224

Am I eligible to take this module?

<div class="subHeadCB">Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations</div>

<p>Not applicable to this module.</p>

<div class="subHeadCB">Module Requisites and Incompatibles</div>

Not applicable to this module.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment Strategy

Description	Timing	Open Book Exam	Component Scale	Must Pass Component	% of Final Grade
Essay: Essay I - up to 5000 words	Varies over the Trimester	n/a	Graded	No	50
Essay: Essay II - up to 5000 words	Coursework (End of Trimester)	n/a	Graded	No	50

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<div class="col-sm-6">Carry forward of passed components
No</div>
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What happens if I fail?

Remediation Type	Remediation Timing
In-Module Resit	Prior to relevant Programme Exam Board

Assessment feedback

<div class="subHeadCB">Feedback Strategy/Strategies</div>
<p>* Feedback individually to students, post-assessment</p>
<div class="subHeadCB">How will my Feedback be Delivered?</div>
<p>Feedback will be provided to students within 20 working days of the deadline for the assignment in according with university policy.</p>

Reading List

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<h1 class="printOnly"> UCD Course Search
Theory of Human Rights (POL41030) </h1><h3 class="printOnly">Academic Year 2019/2020</h3><p class="printOnly">The information contained in this document is, to the best of our knowledge, true and accurate at the time of publication, and is solely for informational purposes. University College Dublin accepts no liability for any loss or damage howsoever arising as a result of use or reliance on this information.</p>
<h4 class="noPrint">Theory of Human Rights (POL41030)</h4>
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<dt>Subject:</dt>
<dd>Politics</dd>
<dt>College:</dt>
<dd>Social Sciences & Law</dd>
<dt>School:</dt>
<dd>Politics & Int Relations</dd>
<dt>Level:</dt>
<dd>4 (Masters)</dd>
<dt>Credits:</dt>
<dd>10.0</dd>

<dt>Trimester:</dt>
<dd>Spring</dd>
<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>
<dd>Dr Graham Finlay</dd>
<dt>Mode of Delivery:</dt>
<dd>Face-to-Face</dd>
<dt>Internship Module:</dt><dd>No</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>
<dd>Letter grades </dd>

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