

By examining recent political science scholarship on human rights, this module will facilitate understanding of how human rights norms spread and what effects they have on state behavior. After a brief theoretical and historical overview of international human rights, the course will turn to perspectives that seek to explain how and under what conditions human rights norms would be expected to influence state conduct. Topics covered include the role of transnational activist networks, legalization and legal norms, transitional justice, trade and economic sanctions, and the role of domestic institutions. The module does not cover the normative basis of human rights in any detail. The module will examine both quantitative and case-study empirical work to understand how and when various theories hold and what scholarship has yet to uncover. The module will be taught as a series of seminars in which students will be expected to complete all required reading and come to class prepared to discuss it in a critical and collegial fashion.

***Curricular information is subject to change***

## What will I learn?

Learning Outcomes:

-Understand multiple theoretical perspectives on the politics of human rights

- Analyze cross-national empirical patterns
- Interrogate the perspectives and empirical patterns in your written work
- Construct and evaluate arguments
- Compare, contrast, analyze, and evaluate the politics of human rights across contexts
- Prepare a short but academically rigorous piece of research on a topic related to human rights
- Think creatively about human rights and (hopefully) politics more generally

Indicative Module Content:

See module descriptor.

## How will I learn?

Student Effort Hours:

Student Effort Type	Hours
Seminar (or Webinar)	24
Autonomous Student Learning	200
Total	224

## Am I eligible to take this module?

Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations

Not applicable to this module.

Module Requisites and Incompatibles

Not applicable to this module.

## How will I be assessed?

<span class="subHeadCB">Assessment Strategy</span>

Description	Timing	Open Book Exam	Component Scale	Must Pass Component	% of Final Grade
Continuous Assessment: Continuous assessment may include participation in seminar discussions, research paper, small group work, presentations, and/or short written assignments.	Varies over the Trimester	n/a	Graded	No	100

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<div class="col-sm-6"><span class="subHeadCB">Carry forward of passed components </span>

No</div>

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## What happens if I fail?

Resit In	Terminal Exam
Summer	No

## Assessment feedback

<div class="subHeadCB">Feedback Strategy/Strategies</div>

<p>\* Feedback individually to students, post-assessment

\* Group/class feedback, post-assessment

\* Peer review activities

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<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

Politics of Human Rights (POL41020) </h1><h3 class="printOnly">Academic Year 2019/2020</h3><p class="printOnly"><em>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.

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<h4 class="noPrint">Politics of Human Rights (POL41020)</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>Autumn</dd>

<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>

<dd>Assoc Professor Alexander Dukalskis</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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