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Humanitarian Intervention and Peacekeeping

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General Information

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As detailed on the iLearn site

Credit points

4

Prerequisites

Admission to MPICT or PGDipPICT or MPICTMIntSecSt or MIntSecStud or PGDipIntSecStud or PGCertIntSecStud

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Since the First World War, the dominant international trend has been to restrict greatly the use of international force to self defence. Since the end of the Cold War there has been a revival of the old concept of humanitarian intervention when it is deemed a state cannot protect or indeed is threatening its own citizens. In addition, there had been a major expansion in multilateral peacekeeping operations usually under the auspices of the United Nations. This unit examines the role of humanitarian intervention and peacekeeping in international security.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Critique contemporary literature relating to the concepts of humanitarian intervention and peacekeeping.

Evaluate the role of the United Nations and its agencies, regional bodies and other influence drivers in the international security environment.

Explore the concepts of peacekeeping in the international security environment.

Examine the development of the concepts linked to "Responsibility to Protect" theory.
Formulate sustained and persuasive written and oral arguments.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
Introductory Essay	20%	Week 3 (details on iLearn)
Annotated Bibliographies	30%	Weeks 6 and 8
Research Paper	50%	Week 12 (details on iLearn)

Introductory Essay

Due: **Week 3 (details on iLearn)**

Weighting: **20%**

For details on this assignment please refer to the unit iLearn site.

A detailed marking matrix is available to all enrolled students on the unit iLearn site.

Marking criteria in the marking matrix includes evaluation of topic comprehension, argument, written expression, referencing, essay structure and organization.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Annotated Bibliographies

Due: **Weeks 6 and 8**

Weighting: **30%**

This assignment consists of two parts and involves the writing and submission of three annotated bibliographies for each part (a total of six)

For details on this assignment please refer to the unit iLearn site.

A detailed marking matrix and a guide on the preparation of annotated bibliographies is available to enrolled students on the unit iLearn site.

Marking criteria in the marking matrix includes the demonstration of analysis and evaluation skills, commentary on writing styles and the application of clear, grammatically correct written expression.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Research Paper

Due: **Week 12 (details on iLearn)**

Weighting: **50%**

For details on this assignment please refer to the unit iLearn site.

A detailed marking matrix is available to enrolled students on the unit iLearn site.

Marking criteria in the marking matrix includes evaluation of topic comprehension, argument, written expression, referencing and research paper structure and organization.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Delivery and Resources

UNIT REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS

- You should spend an average of at least 12 hours per week on this unit. This includes listening to pre-recorded lectures prior to seminar discussions and reading weekly required readings detailed in iLearn.
- Internal students are expected to attend all seminar sessions and external students are expected to contribute to on-line discussions.
- Students are required to submit assessment tasks 1 and 3 in order to pass the unit.

REQUIRED READINGS

- The citations for all the required readings for this unit are available to enrolled students through the unit iLearn site, the CD reading list and at Macquarie University's Library EReserve site. Electronic copies of required readings may be accessed at the EReserve site.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

- Recommended readings will be posted to the unit iLearn site as Session 2 progresses.
- While there is no prescribed textbook for this unit students may consider obtaining a copy of Collins, A. (ed) *Contemporary Security Studies*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 3rd Edition, 2013

TECHNOLOGY USED AND REQUIRED

- Personal PC and internet access are essential for this unit. Basic computer skills and skills in word processing are also a requirement.
- The unit can only be accessed by enrolled students online through <http://ilearn.mq.edu.au>

SUBMITTING ASSESSMENT TASKS

- All assessment tasks are to be submitted, marked and returned electronically. This will only happen through the unit iLearn site.
- Assessment tasks must be submitted either as a PDF or MS word document by the due date.
- All assessment tasks will be subject to a 'Turnitin' review as an automatic part of the submission process.
- Assessment tasks must be submitted with a plagiarism declaration. This may be as part of the task submission process through grademark or through completion of a coversheet. The coversheet can be downloaded at: www.arts.mq.edu.au/current_students/postgraduate_coursework.
- The granting of extensions of up to one week are at the discretion of the unit convenor. Any requests for extensions must be made in writing before the due date for the submission of the assessment task. Extensions beyond one week are subject to special consideration. The policy for this is detailed under Policy and Procedures.

LATE SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

There is a penalty for the late submission of assessment tasks. If an assignment is submitted late it will initially be marked as if it had been submitted on time. However, **5%** of the weighting allocated for the assignment will then be deducted from the mark the student initially achieves in the assessment task for each day it is late. For example if the assessment task's weighting is 20, 1.00 mark per day will be deducted from the initial mark given per day it is late ie a task initially given 15/20 but which is submitted four days late will lose 4 x 1.00 marks. That means 15/20-4marks=11/20. It is this second mark which will be recorded in gradebook.

The same principle applies if a student seeks and is granted an extension and the assessment task is submitted later than the amended submission date.

Unit Schedule

Module 1 - Establishing the Framework

Module 2 - The United Nations-an introduction

Module 3 - The United Nations-the legal dimension

Module 4 - Humanitarian Intervention

Module 5 - The United Nations and Intervention

Module 6 - Commanding United Nations Operations

Module 7 - Operating in Conflict Environments

Module 8 - Intervention Failures

Module 9 - The Iraq story and the complexity of themes

Module 10 - African interventions and the case of Libya

Module 11 - The United Nations and nation building

Module 12 - Outsourcing Interventions

Module 13 - Where to with humanitarian intervention and peacekeeping?

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

Assessment Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Grievance Management Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grievance_management/policy.html

Special Consideration Policy http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/special_consideration/policy.html

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of Academic Student Support Services. Details of these services can be accessed at: <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

UniWISE provides:

- Online learning resources and academic skills workshops http://www.students.mq.edu.au/support/learning_skills/

- Personal assistance with your learning & study related questions.
- The Learning Help Desk is located in the Library foyer (level 2).
- Online and on-campus orientation events run by Mentors@Macquarie.

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

Details of these services can be accessed at <http://www.student.mq.edu.au/ses/>.

IT Help

If you wish to receive IT help, we would be glad to assist you at <http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/>.

When using the university's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students and it outlines what can be done.

Graduate Capabilities

PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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- Annotated Bibliographies
- Research Paper

PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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PG - Engaged and Responsible, Active and Ethical Citizens

Our postgraduates will be ethically aware and capable of confident transformative action in relation to their professional responsibilities and the wider community. They will have a sense of connectedness with others and country and have a sense of mutual obligation. They will be able to appreciate the impact of their professional roles for social justice and inclusion related to national and global issues

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PG - Capable of Professional and Personal Judgment and Initiative

Our postgraduates will demonstrate a high standard of discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgment. They will have the ability to make informed choices and decisions that reflect both the nature of their professional work and their personal perspectives.

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Learning outcomes

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