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| Course Aim and Title | MA Refugee Studies |
| Intermediate Awards Available | PG Refugee Studies |
| Teaching Institution(s) | UEL |
| Alternative Teaching Institutions | None |
| UEL Academic School | Cass |
| UCAS Code | |
| Professional Body Accreditation | None |
| Relevant QAA Benchmark Statements | Development Studies |
| Additional Versions of this Course | None |
| Date Specification Last Updated | March 2017 |

Course Aims and Learning Outcomes

This course is designed to give you the opportunity to:

- You will develop the skills to analyse both orally and in writing contemporary issues and debates about refugees, forced displacements, asylum and protection
- You will adopt a people-centred perspective to examine the lived experiences of individuals and communities experiencing displacements and forced migration
- You will develop a critical awareness of competing analytical frameworks in the study of the interplay of economic, political, legal, socio-cultural and environmental factors that underlie refugee-producing situations and responses to them.

What you will learn:

Knowledge

- You will critically consider a range of legal, socio-political and psycho-social perspectives deployed in the analysis of forced migration and refugee movements
- You will develop an advanced understanding of key approaches to researching issues in the areas of refugee and forced migration studies, gender studies and community development.
- You will appreciate relationships between theory, practice and strategy/policy-making in relation to forced displacements, refugee issues and protection.

Thinking skills

- You will analyze, at an advanced level, key issues, debates and perspectives in the study of forced migration and its political, legal, social and psychological consequences;
- You will formulate relevant research questions for a postgraduate research project and critically reflect on your research practice;

- You will further develop your skills of interpretation and analysis of data and other research findings.

Subject-Based Practical skills

- You will develop advanced research skills in refugee studies, gender studies, psycho-social studies and community development;
- You will further develop skills in data retrieval of field specific information sources;
- You will select and apply suitable methodologies to select areas of study.

Skills for life and work (general skills)

- You will gain advanced skills in independent research;
- You will further develop your analytical, verbal and writing skills to an advanced level;
- You will develop your abilities to effectively engage with the policy context and practical demands of the workplace through a placement/internship.

Learning and Teaching

Knowledge is developed through

- Guided reading and online activities
- Lectures, seminars and tutorials
- Knowledge-based activities with feedback

Thinking skills are developed through

- Reflective activities with feedback
- Seminar discussions and activities

Practical skills are developed through

- IT activities with feedback
- Research skills-based activities with feedback
- Internship/placement

Skills for life and work (general skills) are developed through

- Conference-style presentations
- Planning activities with feedback
- Project work

Assessment

Knowledge is assessed by

- Presentations
- Essays
- Analysis of case studies

Thinking skills are assessed by

- Coursework
- Analysis of case studies
- Project work

Practical skills are assessed by

- Research and data retrieval

- Mixed media presentations
- Report writing

Skills for life and work (general skills) are assessed by

- Project work
- Placement/internship
- Independent study

Students with disabilities and/or particular learning needs should discuss assessments with the Course Leader to ensure they are able to fully engage with all assessment within the course.

Work or Study Placements

In the second or third term, students will be expected to do an internship/work placement of six weeks duration, in an organisation (community, non-governmental or governmental) specialised in the field of humanitarianism and development as part of the core module, Policy and Practice of Humanitarianism and Development.

You will be expected to arrange your own placement in one organisation of your choice, which will be subject to the module leader, and course leaders, approval. The module leader, together with course leaders of post graduate courses in the Social Sciences department, will support you in making the necessary arrangements for your placement.

Sessions will be held to prepare you for undertaking the placement; explain the placement's requirements; and to allow you to plan your time ahead and make the necessary preparations. The module leader will work closely with the School's placement educator and career services to enhance your working skills and learning experience (training sessions to include: interview skills, development of work plans, establishing clear expectations, identifying lessons learned and learning opportunities).

Course Structure

All courses are credit-rated to help you to understand the amount and level of study that is needed.

One credit is equal to 10 hours of directed study time (this includes everything you do e.g. lecture, seminar and private study).

Credits are assigned to one of 5 levels:

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| 3 | Equivalent in standard to GCE 'A' level and is intended to prepare students for year one of an undergraduate degree course. |
| 4 | Equivalent in standard to the first year of a full-time undergraduate degree course. |
| 5 | Equivalent in standard to the second year of a full-time undergraduate degree course. |
| 6 | Equivalent in standard to the third year of a full-time undergraduate degree course. |
| 7 | Equivalent in standard to a Masters degree. |

Courses are made up of modules that are each credit weighted.

The module structure of this course:

| Level | Module Code | Module Title | Credit Weighting | Core/Option | Available by Distance Learning? Y/N |
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| 7 | SY7000 | Forced Migration in the Global Area | 30 | Core | N |
| 7 | SY7002 | Research Methods for the Social Sciences | 30 | Core | N |
| 7 | SY7001 | Policy and Practice of Humanitarianism and Development (Mental Wealth) | 30 | Core | N |
| 7 | SY7003 | Independent Applied Research Dissertation | 30 | Core | N |
| 7 | SY7000 | Introduction to Conflict, Displacement and Human Security | 30 | Option | N |
| 7 | LA7002 | International Human Rights | 30 | Option | N |
| 7 | LA7013 | War and Human Rights | 30 | Option | N |
| 7 | LA7004 | International Refugee Law | 30 | Option | N |
| 7 | SY7004 | Global Development Now | 30 | Option | N |
| 7 | AI7411 | Comparative Public Policy | 30 | Option | N |
| 7 | AI7405 | Global Environmental Politics | 30 | Option | N |
| 7 | AI7410 | International Organisation | 30 | Option | N |

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, in order to create the best learning experience.

Additional detail about the course module structure:

You will study six modules per year and a full time student, and three per year part time over two years. There are five core modules and one option. The Research Methods module enables you to plan a research project in an area of your own interest and the Independent Applied Research Project supports you in carrying out your project.

A core module for a course is a module which a student must have passed (i.e. been awarded credit) in order to achieve the relevant named award. An optional module for a course is a module selected from a range of modules available on the course.

The overall credit-rating of this course is 180 credits. If for some reason you are unable to achieve this credit you may be entitled to an intermediate award, the level of the award will depend on the amount of credit you have accumulated. You can read the University Student Policies and Regulations on the UEL website.

Course Specific Regulations

There are no course specific regulations.

Typical Duration

It is possible to move from full-time to part-time study and vice-versa to accommodate any external factors such as financial constraints or domestic commitments. Many of our students make use of this flexibility and this may impact on the overall duration of their study period.

The duration of this course is one calendar year full-time if enrolment is in September, and two calendar years part-time. For February enrolment, the duration becomes 15 months full time, and 27 months part-time.

The time limit for completion of a course is four years after first enrolment on the course.

Further Information

More information about this course is available from:

- The UEL web site (www.uel.ac.uk)
- The course handbook
- Module study guides
- UEL Manual of General Regulations (available on the UEL website)
- UEL Quality Manual (available on the UEL website)
- School web pages

All UEL courses are subject to thorough course approval procedures before we allow them to commence. We also constantly monitor, review and enhance our courses by listening to student and employer views and the views of external examiners and advisors.

Additional costs:

None

Alternative Locations of Delivery

None