



MODULE DESCRIPTION FORM

Module Information			
Module Title	Democracy and human rights		
Module Type	Basic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Lab <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial <input type="checkbox"/> Practical <input type="checkbox"/> Semina	
Module Code	Zu-Sc-URDEM		
ECTS Credits	2		
SWL (hr/sem)	50		
Module Level	UGII/ One	Semester of Delivery	1
Administering Department	MPHY	College	College of Science
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Module Leader's Acad. Title	Lecturer	Module Leader's Qualification	PhD
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Relation with other Modules			
Prerequisite module	non	Semester	
Co-requisites module	None	Semester	



Module Aims, Learning Outcomes and Indicative Contents

Module Objectives

The goal of studying human rights and democracy is to enhance understanding and awareness of human rights issues and the fundamental principles of democracy. There are several key objectives in studying this subject:

1. Understanding human rights: The study of human rights aims to familiarize you with the core concepts of human rights and their fundamental value in society. You will learn about the history and legal development of human rights, as well as the international treaties and agreements related to this subject.
2. Awareness of the core principles of democracy: You will become acquainted with the concept of democracy and its core values, including the rule of law, citizenship rights, and political participation. You will also learn about different systems of governance and how democratic principles are applied in different societies.
3. Familiarity with current challenges: You will learn about current challenges and issues in the field of human rights and democracy. You will study issues related to discrimination, social justice, women's rights, minority rights, children's rights, and refugee rights, as well as how to address these challenges within a democratic framework.
4. Application of concepts to real-world situations: You will learn how to apply the concepts and principles studied in human rights and democracy to practical situations. You will study the various roles of human rights organizations and democratic institutions, and how to work towards promoting human rights and enhancing democracy in societies.
5. Development of critical and analytical skills: You will learn how to analyze issues related to human rights and democracy and evaluate the legal, ethical, and political contexts surrounding them. You will practice formulating strong arguments and providing constructive criticism of unjust policies and practices.

By studying human rights and democracy, you will acquire the necessary knowledge and understanding to contribute to the promotion of human rights and democracy in society and work towards creating positive change.



<p>Module Learning Outcomes</p>	<p>The University of Al-Nahrain works through teaching the subject of human rights and democracy to promote education, awareness, and train students on the importance of active participation in various aspects of public life. This includes promoting respect for the principles of human rights, active engagement in political and cultural life, and fostering values, beliefs, and positions that encourage all students to support their own rights and the rights of others. It also facilitates an understanding of the shared responsibility of this group in making human rights a lived reality, equipping them with knowledge, skills, and attitudes that enable them to comprehend these rights and adhere to them.</p>
<p>Indicative Contents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Understanding the concept of rights and the concept of human beings, both linguistically and terminologically, and understanding the concept of human rights and studying the legal personality of humans, as well as the characteristics of natural persons.- Understanding the historical development of the idea of human rights in ancient and medieval eras, and the concept of human rights in divine scriptures.- Studying the sources of local and international human rights.- Studying the guarantees of human rights and understanding constitutional and judicial guarantees, as well as guarantees of human rights in Islam.- Understanding the role of organizations in human rights at the regional and international levels.- Studying the impact of globalization on human rights.- Studying the concept of democracy, its evolution, definition, and dimensions.- Studying representative democracy and understanding the representative system and its legal nature.- Understanding the concept of elections and its legal adaptation.- Understanding the organization of elections, including the delineation of electoral districts, electoral lists, candidates, election campaigns, and voting.- Studying electoral systems and understanding direct elections, indirect elections, individual elections, and list-based elections.-Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of democracy.



Learning and Teaching Strategies

Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. POWERPOINT 2. Writing reports 3. Online learning 4. Field visits
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Student Workload (SWL)

Structured SWL (h/sem)	33	Structured SWL (h/w)	2.2
Unstructured SWL (h/sem)	17	Unstructured SWL (h/w)	1.1
Total SWL (h/sem)	50		

Module Evaluation

		Time/Number	Weight (Marks)	Week Due	Relevant Learning Outcome
Formative assessment	Quizzes	2	10% (10)	5, 10	LO #3,4, 8 and 9
	Assignments	2	10% (10)	2, 12	LO # 2,11and 12
	Report	1	5% (5)	7	
	Seminar	1	15% (15)	13	
Summative assessment	Midterm Exam	1 hr	10% (10)	14	LO # 1-13
	Final Exam	3hr	50% (50)	15	All
Total assessment			100% (100Marks)		

Delivery Plan (Weekly Syllabus)

Material Covered



Week 1	The concept of human rights
Week 2	Human rights in ancient civilizations
Week 3	Human rights in divine laws and religions
Week 4	Human rights resources
Week 5	Human rights guarantees and means of protecting them
Week 6	The role of organizations in protecting human rights
Week 7	Globalization and human rights
Week 8	The concept of democracy and Representative democracy.
Week 9	The concept of election and its legal adaptation
Week 10	Organizing the election process and Election systems
Week 11	Formation of the electorate
Week 12	Obstacles and Foundations of Good Governance
Week 13	Disadvantages and advantages of democracy
Week 14	Mid Exam
Week 15	Final Exam

Delivery Plan (Weekly Lab. Syllabus)

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	Material Covered
Week 1	Lab 1:
Week 2	Lab 2:
Week 3	Lab 3:
Week 4	Lab 4:
Week 5	Lab 5:
Week 6	Lab 6:
Week 7	Lab 7:



Learning and Teaching Resources

	Text	Available in the Library?
Required Texts	Mathematical Methods in the Physical Sciences" By: Mary L. Boas, 3rd Edition, 2006.	No
Recommended Texts	Advanced Calculus, 3rd Edition, Angus E. Taylor, and W. Robert Mann, 1983.	YES
Websites	Any website related with mathematical physics https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/sites/default/files/inline-files/0a187866618ca3049030ec5014860ae8-original.pdf	

Grading Scheme

Group	Grade	Marks %	Definition
Success Group (50 - 100)	A - Excellent	90 - 100	Outstanding Performance
	B - Very Good	80 - 89	Above average with some errors
	C - Good	70 - 79	Sound work with notable errors
	D - Satisfactory	60 - 69	Fair but with major shortcomings
	E - Sufficient	50 - 59	Work meets minimum criteria
Fail Group (0 - 49)	FX – Fail	(45-49)	More work required but credit awarded
	F – Fail	(0-44)	Considerable amount of work required

Note: Marks Decimal places above or below 0.5 will be rounded to the higher or lower full mark (for example a mark of 54.5 will be rounded to 55, whereas a mark of 54.4 will be rounded to 54. The University has a policy NOT to condone "near-pass fails" so the only adjustment to marks awarded by the original marker(s) will be the automatic rounding outlined above.

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