

Module Details		
Module Title	Africa Study Visit	
Module Code	PES7034-B	
Academic Year	2024/5	
Credits	20	
School	School of Social Sciences	
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7	

Contact Hours				
Туре	Hours			
Directed Study	107			
Lectures	3			
Seminars	4			
Fieldwork	14			
External Visits	72			

Availability		
Occurrence	Location / Period	
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2	

Module Aims

To apply knowledge and theory learned in other modules to the specific society, politics and security of an African country

To encounter the terrain where theory meets empirical evidence

To introduce students to fieldwork and interview techniques which will serve well in both further academic study and the work place

To give the opportunity to write on a chosen topic using theory, knowledge and collected empirical data.

Outline Syllabus

Knowledge and debate related to the country to be visited; followed by the visit itself

Learning Outcomes				
Outcome Number	Description			
01	Conduct systematic research into African political and security-related contexts, using relevant techniques and technologies to gather, evaluate and manage evidence, data and information from valid, appropriate sources, and using data and theory in the analysis of relationships, dynamics and impacts within contemporary case-studies.			
02	Use knowledge, evidence, techniques and theory to understand real-world cases of African politics and security and to the international responses to these real-world cases.			
03	Identify and critically assess the ideas, practices and conditions that influence debates concerning African politics and security studies.			
04	Generate clear, concise and coherent communication tailored to the audience.			
05	Employ relevant theories and evidence to engage constructively with debates concerned with African politics and security studies.			
06	Identify and apply critical learning to real-world African cases and the international responses to these cases.			
07	Demonstrate initiative and independence in systematic academic inquiry, using relevant techniques and technologies to gather, evaluate and manage evidence, data and information from valid, appropriate sources.			
08	Plan and execute a range of assignments, including interviews and essays.			

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Learning will emerge through preparatory lectures and discussion seminars in the university; extensive reading; and in-country through lectures, visits to important sites and institutions, and meetings with politicians, civil servants, members of the security forces, national and international NGO staff and activists, the media, academics and other students.

Note that the visit is subject to government health and safety guidelines at the time.

Formative assessment will be undertaken through class and individual discussions of essay projects. Summative assessment will be through an essay, the subject of which will be devised, in consultation with the academic leader, by the students themselves.

Mode of Assessment				
Туре	Method	Description	Weighting	
Summative	Coursework - Written	Essay (3600-4000 words)	100%	
Formative	Coursework	Formative assessment will be a class discussion of the upcoming first essay. Shorter one-to-one discussions will be available for those who desire.	N/A	

Reading List

To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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