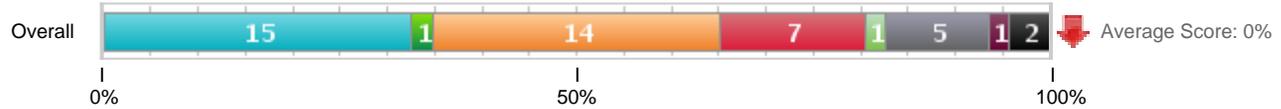


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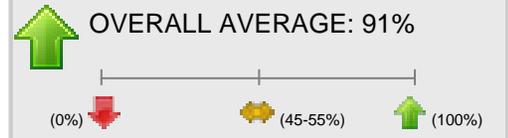
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- BA INTERN RELATI (L250)
- BA INTERN RELATI WITH YEAR ABROA (L251)
- BA POLITIC (L200)
- BA POLITIC (YEAR ABROA) (L202)
- BA PHILOS POLITIC AND ECONO (VL52)
- BA PHILOS POLITIC AND ECONO WITH STUDY ABROA (VLLA)
- BA PHILOS AND POLITIC (LV25)
- BA ECONO AND POLITIC (LL12)
- BA ECONO AND POLITIC WITH STUDY ABROA (LL01)
- BA COMBIN SOCIAL SCIENC (LMV0)
- BA COMBIN ARTS (QRV0)
- OTHER DEGRE



Rate the quality of your feedback for this module

- VERY GOOD
- GOOD
- SATISFACTORY
- POOR
- VERY POOR



Detailed Question Results

How helpful were the teaching staff?

VERY GOOD

GOOD

SATISFACTORY

POOR

VERY POOR



Rate the quality of the lectures.

VERY GOOD

GOOD

SATISFACTORY

POOR

VERY POOR

NOT APPLICABLE



Rate the quality of the seminars/tutorials.

VERY GOOD

GOOD

SATISFACTORY

POOR

VERY POOR



Detailed Question Results

Overall, how would you rate this module?

VERY GOOD

GOOD

SATISFACTORY

POOR

VERY POOR



Detailed Question Results

What were the best features of this module? You have a 1000 character limit. (31 Comments)

Comments: Overall (31)

All of the module in my opinion. Chris Davidson is the best lecturer and Tutorial leader I have had in my time at Durham. The content of the module is also very varied and has inspired me to follow the Gulf region closely.

Chris Davidson is passionate, interesting, helpful and reliable. He clearly has a passion for what he teaches which shows. Always quick replying to emails and always helpful. Module is relevant and topical

Chris has been extremely helpful regarding any queries surrounding the essay. His tutorials have been really interesting and I feel I have really broadened my knowledge and understanding of the Gulf oil monarchies.

Chris is one of the best lecturers I have had during my time at Durham. Superb content, delivered by a real expert in the field interspersed with his own experience drives a desire to engage with the topic.

Chris is the best lecturer I've had in SGIA, lectures were very interesting and informative.

Chris is very knowledgeable and passionate. The assessment is clear and the resources are one of the best for a third year module.

Chris was an excellent lecturer, good content.

Christopher Davidson was the best feature of this module!! He is an incredible lecturer, and him sharing his personal experiences in the Gulf was an extremely interesting part of this module. His seminars and lecture documents were hugely informative and useful. This was by far my favourite module in the last 3 years at Durham.

Christopher is a fantastic lecturer - he's both detailed and captivating, and his anecdotes of his and others' experience in the Gulf give colour to the lessons. The course in itself covers a fascinating range of topics.

Christopher's lectures were incredibly engaging and interesting. He gave really helpful constructive feedback on essays, was always prompt in reply to emails and willing to help if you had any issues or concerns.

Dr Davidson was very clear about everything in general which made the course very smooth. Moreover, the set questions on the handbook for each lecture was very helpful to understand what the lecture was aiming at.

Dr Davidson's tutorials have been fascinating-- a shame the module is not on next year. With a particular interest in the rentier lifestyle, I have thoroughly enjoyed it.

Detailed Question Results

What were the best features of this module? You have a 1000 character limit. (31 Comments)

Comments: Overall (31)

Engaging lecturing from a lecturer who clearly holds high passion and expertise in the subject

Workload was manageable but still challenging

Dr Davidson was always helpful when asked for advice and guidance with work

Having a lecturer who is a bona fide expert in the subject matter was both enlightening and extremely helpful. Dr Christopher Davidson is a real asset to Durham University and his expertise on the issues discussed in lectures and tutorials was not only appreciated but admired.

I think Chris is one of the most knowledgeable and clear lecturers I have ever had.

I thought the whole module was excellent - the lectures and tutorials were very engaging and interesting and this was mainly due to Dr. Christopher Davidson.

Interesting seminars, thoughtful debates and good topics chosen

Interesting subject, Dr. Davidson is very willing to answer any questions.

Lectures were fun, very informative and incredibly clear! Really enjoyed them and made understanding the topic much easier

Lots of variety, well taught.

Out of every module I've had in my three years at Durham, oil monarchies has surpassed all of them by miles. This module was impeccably planned, and Dr Davidson was exceptional. I would recommend every SGIA student to take POTOM.

Professor Davidson has undoubtedly been the best professor that I have ever had. The lectures were incredibly informative and the seminars very interesting, it has been a pleasure taking this module.

I also really appreciated the fact that it was a 5,000 summative - I think that it enables to show far more depth and makes time planning far easier.

Professor Davidson was amazing, he knew so much about the subject with loads of information which you wouldn't learn in the literature, the best module I have done at my time in SIGA

Detailed Question Results

What were the best features of this module? You have a 1000 character limit. (31 Comments)

Comments: Overall (31)

Professor was absolutely excellent, extremely helpful within and outside of classes.

Really interesting, informative lecturer, everything was great

The best feature of the module was how it was conducted by Dr. Christopher Davidson. The lectures and seminars alike were informative and enegaing.

The best feature of this module was the degree of interaction between Dr. Davidson and the students. I enjoyed how he was so willing to engage with students and letting us know of his personal experiences in the Gulf. It is enlightening to have an academic so passionate about his field of work, who also has such deep knowledge of the topic.

He combined this with this top quality teaching. In seminars, he was able to draw on the the material of the lectures and add further detail to the discussions held. It made the module very interactive and encouraged me to participate as well as work hard.

The in-depth knowledge that Chris Davidson had on the Oil Monarchies - he would often be able to give us insightful anecdotes about the UAE, for example, as he has worked there in the past.

The lectures were engaging and the tutorials truly aided in gaining a further understanding of the lecture material. Videos used in the tutorials made an impact and gave life to the topics covered. What was interesting about this module was how contemporary it was and that discussions in tutorials were not only around theories but how recent events have changed these states. It was the perfect mix between historical and recent events, theory and case studies.

The lectures were very captivating.

Very intersting module which is presented in a very intelligent and interesting manner. You really feel like you are being lectured by one of the very experts on the field, and the personal stories from living in the region really sparked my interest in these states. I have learnt so much new in this module, and it has really opened up my perspective and understanding of the Gulf states. Both history and recent events are covered which offers a very thorough and up-to-date perspective on the region.

Detailed Question Results

How could we improve this module? You have a 1000 character limit. (18 Comments)

Comments: Overall (18)

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Best module i've taken. Can't actually think of any criticism - Chris could perhaps give more critical analysis of the essays!

Expansion of the reading list

Genuinely would not change the module

I do not think that the module really needs improving.

It's great as it is

Maybe something specific on ISIS rather than in passing

More structured tutorials - felt like we learned in the lectures but not so much in the tutorials.

N/a

Nothing to change

Perhaps change up the format of the seminars to keep them interesting, although this was already beginning to happen with watching interviews and documentaries etc.

Perhaps some insight into 'what makes a good essay' may be helpful

Sometimes I found the tutorials to be quite dull and not as engaging as the lectures.

Sometimes the course felt like it could be boiled down to 5-6 key points which were being repeated over and over again. Particularly in tutorials when you hoped to go deeper.

Split the 5000 word summative into two 2,500 word summatives but this is just my personal preference.

Update the reading list so it is more up-to-date

You can't

Detailed Question Results

Specify up to three books you found to be in short supply in the library. (Please note the purpose of this question is to target the School's use of funds. Answers which indicate specific items are the most useful in this regard. (8 Comments)

Comments: Overall (8)

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After the Sheikhs by Davidson was difficult to get hold of.

After the Sheiks: The coming collapse of the Gulf Monarchies.

After the Shieks by Christopher Davidson

Most of Dr Davidson's books

Steffen Hertog: Princes, Brokers & Bureaucrats

Chris Davidson: Dubai: The Vulnerability of Success

n/a

Thank you for Completing this Evaluation