

Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: The Balance of Power and the Politics of Security

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33POL05

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33POL05

Module: Politics

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand the main features of the concept of the balance of power	1.1 Explain the main features of the theory of the balance of power
	1.2 Use examples to discuss the extent to which the operation of the balance of power concept was successful
2. Understand the main features of the concept of Collective Security	2.1 Explain the main features of the concept of collective security
	2.2 Discuss the roles and effectiveness of The League of Nations and NATO in maintaining peace and security in Europe
	2.3 Evaluate the effectiveness of the United Nations Security Council in maintaining peace and security
3. Understand the changing nature of the threats to peace and security	3.1 Describe the change in the nature of the threats to national security since the end of World War II
	3.2 Evaluate the extent to which conventional approaches to maintaining national security may be effective in the future