

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Introduction to International Relations and Politics
Status: Definitive
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ3
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 44
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 156

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	11
Workshop	33

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	500 word Article Review	35	
Essay	AS2	1,500 word Essay	65	

Aims

1. To identify key issues and theories in the discipline of International Relations.
2. Provide you with the opportunity to engage with a variety of sources and tools to better understand the world.
3. Encourage you to develop a methodical, analytical and critical approach to the study of International Relations.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Explain issues and debates in the subject area on IR.
- 2 Be able to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the various types of sources used by scholars and be able to apply this knowledge to future study.
- 3 Employ the differing theories of IR in order to understand contemporary affairs.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

500 word article review	1	2	
1,500 word essay	1	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Topics discussed will typically include the following:

- *Exploring the birth of International Relations as a subject to study*
- *Applying theories to the real world*
- *Traditional IR I: Liberalism and liberal-institutionalism*
- *Traditional IR II: Realism and neo-realism*
- *Traditional IR III: English School and constructivism*
- *Critical Approaches I: Marxism and Historical Sociology*
- *Critical Approaches II: Poststructuralism and Gender*

Learning Activities

Lectures will provide the grounding in the subject, and workshops will provide an opportunity for students to engage in practical exercises and discussion.

Notes

To help you understand the world in which we live in today, this module provides a solid grounding in the study of international affairs through the varying theories that have been developed throughout the 20th and 21st Centuries. Through discussing these theories, we also examine how they have informed the international system and the institutions and practices that operate within it.