

## 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:** FHEQ4      **Credit Value:** 20      **Total Delivered Hours:** 46  
**Total Learning Hours:** 200      **Private Study:** 154

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	2
Tutorial	11
Workshop	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Report	AS1	1,500 word article review	25	
Portfolio	AS2	Portfolio comprising of 250w abstract and an A1 conference poster.	75	

### Aims

1. To identify the key issues in the discipline of International Relations.
2. To examine the interplay between IR theories and historical realities.
3. To familiarise the students with the key concepts and methods that IR deploys to

*analyse the world.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Explain the issues and debates in the subject area of IR.
- 2 Identify key historical stages in the development of IR theories.
- 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:

1,500 word article review	1	2	
Portfolio	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. A skills specific session will be incorporated in this module.