

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	4100IRP
Formal Module Title	Introduction to International Relations and Politics
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 4
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	22
Online	2
Tutorial	11
Workshop	11

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

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.
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Explain the issues and debates in the subject area of IR.
MLO2	2	Identify key historical stages in the development of IR theories.
MLO3	3	Employ the differing theories of IR in order to understand contemporary affairs.

Module Content

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
Module Overview	This module enables you to understand the world in which we live today. It 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.
Additional Information	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.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	1,500 word article review	25	0	MLO1, MLO2
Portfolio	Portfolio	75	0	MLO3, MLO1, MLO2

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Jan Ludvigsen	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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