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Title: Researching International Relations and Politics  
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Owning 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 2

Component	Contact Hours
Online	2
Tutorial	11
Workshop	33

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2,000 word essay plan and literature review	50	
Test	AS2	In-class tests on research methods and techniques	50	

### Aims

1. To teach quantitative and qualitative research methods and understand their respective strength and limits
2. To explore how scholars conduct research such as interview, survey, regression

*analysis and archival studies.*

*3. To examine key academic articles and reflect upon their strengths and weaknesses*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate an ability to employ different research approaches in understanding and conducting research.
- 2 Identify and utilise appropriate techniques according to the research question being examined.
- 3 Conduct a literature review on a particular International Relations and Politics topic.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

2,000 word plan and lit review	2	3
In class test	1	

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Topics will typically include the following:*

- *Understanding how to conduct research*
- *Qualitative research methods*
- *Quantitative research methods*
- *Critiquing academic research outputs*

## **Learning Activities**

This module employs workshops that provide an opportunity for students to engage in practical exercises and discussion.

## **Notes**

The aim of this module is to provide you with the necessary skills and tools to analyse academic research on international relations and politics. A skills specific session will be incorporated in this module.