

## Liverpool John Moores University

Title: International History and State Formation  
Status: Definitive  
Code: **4105IRP** (126593)  
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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 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	22
Online	2
Tutorial	11
Workshop	11

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2000 word essay	50	
Portfolio	AS2	Portfolio	50	

### Aims

1. To study the historical origins of the modern international system.
2. To critically evaluate the dynamics of social development, such as Reformation, Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution and their impacts on states and nations.
3. To understand the historical evolution of modern international order.
4. To analyse the benchmarking events, such as the Great Wars, of international

*history and their legacies.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate awareness of the historical dimension of IR as a discipline.
- 2 Recognise and explain the emergence of the modern state system at the local, regional and global levels.
- 3 Identify and explain how the Western international system spread across the world
- 4 Identify benchmark events of modern international history

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

2000 word essay	3	4		
Portfolio	1	2	3	4

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Module topics will likely include the following:*

- *The importance of the State in international relations*
- *What was the Thirty Years War and why was it important?*
- *Westphalia 1648 and its aftermath*
- *What did Napoleon ever do for us? The Concert of Europe and managing the state system*
- *Turning the European state system into a universal project: the case of imperialism*
- *WWI and its aftermath*
- *WWII and its aftermath*
- *Constructing and managing the international system after WWII*
- *The state, international system and the Cold War*
- *How do weak states cause problems?*
- *Upturning Westphalia: R2P and its revision of what a state can and cannot do*

## **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**

The state in international affairs is an essential component to the study of International Relations. This module will guide you through its development in

Europe from the 17th Century to the present day. We will explore how the state operated during this period, and question why it has been so resilient an entity for human organisation. We will also examine the impact of the end of the Cold War along with subsequent thinking have led to significant changes in how the state and its power are understood by the international community. A skills specific session will be incorporated in this module.