

**Summary Information**

<b>Module Code</b>	4500BCIRDL
<b>Formal Module Title</b>	Introduction to International Relations and Politics
<b>Owning School</b>	Humanities and Social Science
<b>Career</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credits</b>	20
<b>Academic level</b>	FHEQ Level 4
<b>Grading Schema</b>	40

**Module Contacts**

**Module Leader**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Peter O'Reilly	Yes	N/A

**Module Team Member**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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**Partner Module Team**

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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**Teaching Responsibility**

<b>LJMU Schools involved in Delivery</b>
LJMU Partner Taught

## Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Beaconhouse IC Distance Learning

## Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Online	46

## Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	12 Weeks

## Aims and Outcomes

<b>Aims</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To identify the key issues in the discipline of International Relations.</li><li>2. To examine the interplay between IR theories and historical realities.</li><li>3. To familiarise the students with the key concepts and methods that IR deploys to analyse the world</li></ol>
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## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Explain the issues and debates in the subject area of IR.
MLO2	Identify key historical stages in the development of IR theories.
MLO3	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

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.

## Additional Information

### Assessments

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