

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Theories of International Politics
Status: Definitive
Code: **4501IRICBT** (128512)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: International College of Business and Technology

Team	Leader
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Academic Level: FHEQ4
Credit Value: 15
Total Delivered Hours: 45
Total Learning Hours: 150
Private Study: 105

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	45

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	3000 word Essay	100	

Aims

The aim of this module is to teach students the main theoretical and conceptual traditions of international politics in order to analyze complex issues, developments and events constituting international relations.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate knowledge on the main theories of international politics.
- 2 Evaluate competing analytical and ideological approaches for understanding the international system
- 3 Analyse significant developments and events in global politics in relation to theoretical contexts
- 4 Design a personal assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of the principal theories of international politics

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

3000 word Essay	1	2	3	4
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Outline Syllabus

1. *Introduction to theories of International Relations and World Politics*
2. *Politics of Anarchy: Realism vs. Liberalism*
3. *Global North vs Global South, Dependency and World Systems Theory*
4. *Classical Marxist theory and failures*
5. *Constructionism: Subjectivity, Culture and Ideological Changes*
6. *Collective Defence: Balance of Power, Prisoner's Dilemma and Security Dilemma*
7. *Collective Security*
8. *Neoliberalism and neorealism*
9. *Critical Theory and democratizing global governance*
10. *Feminism and gender in world politics*
11. *Postcolonialism, decolonisation and the subaltern politics*

Learning Activities

Lectures

Notes

Recommended reading:

Weber, C., (2005), *International Relations Theory: A Critical Introduction* (2nd edition), Routledge

Nye, J., & Welch, D. (2014). *Understanding Global Conflict and Cooperation: Introduction to Theory and History* . Essex: Pearson .