

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Researching International Relations and Politics
Status: Definitive
Code: **4503BICIRP** (129665)
Version Start Date: 01-08-2021

Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Beaconhouse Group

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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.