

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Contemporary International Relations for Journalists
Status: Definitive
Code: **5036JOURN** (123559)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 20 **Total Delivered Hours:** 50

Total Learning Hours: 200 **Private Study:** 150

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	24
Seminar	24

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	Exam	Seen Exam - 2 Hours	50	2
Essay	Essay	Essay - 2000 words	50	

Aims

- 1. To provide students of International Journalism an opportunity to acquire the academic knowledge of International Relations that is relevant to the work of mainstream global news organisations.*
- 2. To consider how news coverage of global conflict and terrorist events is shaped by a variety of domestic and international factors with particular reference to global terrorism since 'September 11'.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Analyse the nature and operation of the contemporary international system and the economic, political and military dimensions of international relations.
- 2 Assess the significance of international law and diplomacy in international relations.
- 3 Assess the growing importance of various types of non-state actors and global forces.
- 4 Apply relevant international relations theories to the examination of contemporary international events.
- 5 Demonstrate a critical awareness of the complexity of conflict and terrorism coverage within broader cultural, political and military contexts.
- 6 Apply relevant news theories to the analysis of media coverage of major terrorism events in various parts of the world.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Exam - 2 Hours	1	2	3	4
Essay - 2000 Words	5	6		

Outline Syllabus

The study of international relations and its relevance to international journalists. Contending theories of International Relations: Realism, Liberalism and Constructivism. The nature and operation of the contemporary international system. International law and diplomacy. Trade and international economic relations. Non-state, transnational and supranational actors. Interdependence and forces of globalisation. Theories of 'news framing'. The challenge of global terrorism since 'September 11'. Media coverage of major terrorist events in America, the Middle East, Asia and other regions.

Learning Activities

Lectures and seminars.

Notes

This module provides students of International Journalism an opportunity to acquire the academic knowledge of International Relations that is relevant to the work of mainstream global news organisations. It also considers how news coverage of global conflict and terrorist events is shaped by a variety of domestic and

international factors with particular reference to global terrorism since 'September 11'.