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Title: Research Project in International Relations and Politics  
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science  
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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**Academic Level:** FHEQ6      **Credit Value:** 40      **Total Delivered Hours:** 44  
**Total Learning Hours:** 400      **Private Study:** 356

### Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Off Site	8
Tutorial	16
Workshop	20

**Grading Basis:** 40 %

### Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	2000 word dissertation plan	20	
Dissertation	AS2	10000 word dissertation	80	

### Aims

1. To develop the student's ability to identify a relevant IR and Politics topic and formulate a research proposal designed to explore aspects of that topic to a high level.
2. To develop the student's ability to analyse and interpret relevant academic

*sources in pursuit of a self-defined problem.*

*3. To develop the student's ability to gather evidence for a sustained argument and present that argument with clarity and fluency in a written format.*

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Develop the student's ability to identify a relevant IR and Politics topic and formulate a research proposal designed to explore aspects of that topic
- 2 that topic  
Critically assess the methodological problems inherent in the study of the chosen topic, and design, justify and implement a research methodology appropriate for the topic.
- 3 Locate, gather and critically analyse relevant evidence, and use it to defend the research objectives.
- 4 Gather relevant evidence and use it to present a sustained argument with clarity and fluency in a written format.

## **Learning Outcomes of Assessments**

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

2000 word dissertation plan	1	4			
10000 word dissertation	1	2	3	4	

## **Outline Syllabus**

*Module will typically include the following:*

- *Student will select research project in discussion with appointed supervisor, and will develop the key research objectives.*
- *Student will have the opportunity to present their initial findings at a dissertation conference.*

## **Learning Activities**

Lectures, Seminars, Conference and Tutorials.

## **Notes**

The dissertation is an independent research project. Working under the direct supervision of a research-active member of staff, you will produce an extended piece of original independent research, which will draw upon the latest developments in your field and demonstrate your in-depth knowledge. It will further enhance key transferable skills developed from the L5 Research Paper in IR and Politics, such as project management, effective research skills, effective communication, critical

analysis and high-level evaluation of data as well as professional time-management. You cannot do the same research question as the Research Paper in International Relations and Politics (5101IRP).