

**Summary Information**

<b>Module Code</b>	6500BCIRDL
<b>Formal Module Title</b>	Research Project in International Relations and Politics
<b>Owning School</b>	Humanities and Social Science
<b>Career</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Credits</b>	40
<b>Academic level</b>	FHEQ Level 6
<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	44

## Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-PAR	PAR	September	24 Weeks

## Aims and Outcomes

<b>Aims</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>2. To develop the student's ability to analyse and interpret relevant academic sources in pursuit of a self-defined problem.</li><li>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.</li></ol>
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## Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	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.
MLO2	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.
MLO3	Locate, gather and critically analyse relevant evidence, and use it to defend the research objectives.
MLO4	Gather relevant evidence and use it to present a sustained argument with clarity and fluency in a written format.

## Module Content

### 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 to supervisor.

### Module Overview

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.

### Additional Information

You cannot do the same research question as the Research Paper in International Relations and Politics (5101BCIRD).

## Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	2,000 word dissertation plan	20	0	MLO1, MLO4
Dissertation	10,000 word dissertation	80	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4