

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: International Relations for Journalists
Status: Definitive
Code: **7021JOURN** (124492)
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Owning School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School
Teaching School/Faculty: Liverpool Screen School

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Academic Level: FHEQ7
Credit Value: 20
Total Delivered Hours: 26
Total Learning Hours: 200
Private Study: 174

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 2

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	12
Seminar	12

Grading Basis: 50 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Exam	Exam	Seen Exam - 2 Hours	30	2
Report	Report	3000 Word Report	70	

Aims

- 1. To allow students to pursue a systematic study of international relations relevant to the work of mainstream news organisations.*
- 2. To examine the theory and practice of international relations focusing in particular on cultural, economic and security relations.*
- 3. To enable students to draw upon the analyses and insights of IR scholars in gathering and constructing international news.*

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Demonstrate a sound knowledge of the international system and the changing international order.
- 2 Critically examine the key issues and controversies relating to the diplomatic, security, economic and cultural dimensions of international relations.
- 3 Apply various international relations theories to the analysis of contemporary international events and issues.
- 4 Utilise specialist knowledge of international relations to identify a topic of global significance and produce a well-researched report on it for an international news audience.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

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

Exam	1	2	3
Report	2	3	4

Outline Syllabus

The study of international relations: its relevance to the collection and analysis of global news; theories of International Relations.

The nature and operation of the international system; the changing global economic landscape; challenges to the Liberal International Order; great power rivalry: hard power, soft power, and discursive power.

International law and diplomacy; identity, (in) security and conflict; non-traditional global security challenges (e.g. environment, terrorism, migration, and transnational organised crime).

Technological change and globalisation; non-state and transnational actors; international trade and economic interdependence global financial forces.

Learning Activities

Lectures, seminars

Notes

This module offers an opportunity for journalists to pursue a systematic study of international relations relevant to the mainstream news organisations. It enables them to acquire a specialist knowledge of the theory and practice of international relations and draw upon the analyses and insights of IR scholars in gathering and constructing international news.