

Summary Information

Module Code	7100IR
Formal Module Title	Understanding International Relations
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Postgraduate Taught
Credits	30
Academic level	FHEQ Level 7
Grading Schema	50

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
Xin Liu	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

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
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Seminar	14
Workshop	18

Module Offering(s)

Offering Code	Location	Start Month	Duration
SEP-MTP	MTP	September	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	To engage in independent and critical thinking, and to develop and engage with the theoretical concepts and apply them to the world. To develop the ability to present and defend arguments and interpretations in an appropriate and scholarly manner. To understand global events from the state, non-state and international perspectives.
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Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

Code	Description
MLO1	Demonstrate a critical understanding of the major concepts and theories relating to international relations including power, the international system, globalisation and the international political economy.
MLO2	Critically analyse the events, processes, relationships, institutions and key actors involved in international politics.
MLO3	Apply a critical understanding of the competing concepts and theories relating to patterns of international co-operation and conflict to historical and contemporary events.
MLO4	Analyse global events from the state, non-state and international perspectives.

Module Content

Outline Syllabus
This module is broken down into four main parts. First, it provides a general context of theory in the IR subject area. Second, it discusses the key IR theories that have played historically significant roles in developing our understanding of the world. Third, it examines the critical theoretical approaches to IR. Fourth, it examines the future of IR by questioning how theories are adapting to the changing political, social, legal, economic, and security world circumstances.

Module Overview

This core module provides an introduction to International Relations by examining the theories, key concepts and authors. It aims to:

engage you in independent and critical thinking

develop and engage with the theoretical concepts and apply them to the world

develop the ability to present and defend arguments and interpretations in an appropriate and scholarly manner

help you understand global events from the state, non-state and international perspectives

Additional Information

There is more to understanding how states interact in the world than reading, watching or listening to the news. Why do state and non-state actors act the way they do? This core module provides an introduction into International Relations by examining the theories, key concepts and authors in the field that help us to answer this vital question. It will interrogate how these theories help explain the world we also apply them to real-world case studies.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay plan 1,000 words	15	0	MLO1, MLO4, MLO2, MLO3
Report	Essay 4,000 words	85	0	MLO1, MLO4, MLO2, MLO3