

Understanding International Relations

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	7500BICIRP
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

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
LJMU Partner Taught

Partner Teaching Institution

Institution Name
Beaconhouse Group

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Seminar	14
Workshop	18

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
SEP-PAR	PAR	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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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	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	2	Critically analyse the events, processes, relationships, institutions and key actors involved in international politics.
MLO3	3	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	4	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	
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)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Essay	Essay plan 1,000 words	15	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4
Portfolio	Essay 4,000 words	85	0	MLO1, MLO2, MLO3, MLO4

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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Matthew Hill	Yes	N/A
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Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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