



Module Specification

Government Policy and International Relations

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Government Policy and International Relations

Module code: UZSYPE-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2026-27

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

College: College of Health, Science & Society

School: CHSS School of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Sociology and Criminology

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: In this module students will gain an understanding of the role of government within international relations and its impact upon the effective operation of the public sector.

Features: In this module students will apply the methods and techniques learned in previous modules such as Introduction to Criminology and Society, Conflict and Cohesion to review and extend knowledge and critical understanding of the role of government and international relations.

Educational aims: Drawing upon previous study, knowledge, skills, and experiences students will develop knowledge and understanding of the importance of international relations and their potential impact on the wellbeing of the country.

Outline syllabus: This module may cover the following subject areas, but is not limited to:

The main political theories such as Realism, Liberalism and Constructivism. The global political economy

Globalisation

National and International security threats such as war and conflict, and terrorism.

Human rights.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The module may consist of the following activities:

Lectures

Seminars

1:1 tutorials

Guest Speakers

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Demonstrate a conceptual understanding of the role that international relations plays on a local, national and global scale.

MO2 Demonstrate a systematic understanding of the key concepts which influence foreign policies.

MO3 Critically evaluate how either terrorism, war, or environmental change impacts upon the public sector.

MO4 Critically analyse how key concepts in international relations contribute to local and global wellbeing.

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 210 hours

Face-to-face learning = 90 hours

Total = 0

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/ACC9F676-FD54-BE26-2750-608EB71A3E8D.html?lang=en-GB&login=1) via the following link <https://rl.talis.com/3/uwe/lists/ACC9F676-FD54-BE26-2750-608EB71A3E8D.html?lang=en-GB&login=1>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: This module will be assessed be split into two tasks.

Task One – Essay

Task Two – Presentation

Assessment tasks:

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: 2000 words.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3, MO4

Presentation (First Sit)

Description: 10 minute presentation followed by a 10 minute question and answer discussion.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: 2000 words.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3, MO4

Presentation (Resit)

Description: 10 minute presentation followed by a 10 minute question and answer discussion.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Criminology and Public Services [UCW] BSc (Hons) 2024-25