



Module Specification

International Relations

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Part 1: Information

Module title: International Relations

Module code: UZQNFB-30-1

Level: Level 4

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Health & Applied Sciences

Department: HAS Dept of Social Sciences

Partner institutions: None

Field: Politics

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: Not applicable

Features: Not applicable

Educational aims: See learning outcomes.

Outline syllabus: The module consists of an applied historical, theoretical and thematic introduction to the discipline of International Relations.

This includes an overview of important events in history that shaped the global system; a thematic examination of key global issues in the contemporary world; and an examination of international theory and practice from multiple perspectives.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: Over three hours of contact time per week the key issues are addressed and then unpacked. This approach is suited to the introductory nature of this module and maximises face-to-face contact time to ensure students understand, and appreciate, the core issues in international politics that will form the foundations of their onward study. The module incorporates student led debates and flipped classroom elements, allowing students to develop their interpersonal skills.

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

MO1 Comprehend the development of the global system and its key actors

MO2 Understand the key issues and debates that define international relations scholarship

MO3 Gather and present information and argument from a variety of reputable sources

Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 234 hours

Face-to-face learning = 66 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqnf-30-1.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/uzqnf-30-1.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: The assessments for this module have been designed to meet the learning outcomes of the module, to test a range of skills, and embed an understanding of the basics of international relations as a discipline. Most importantly, they are designed to give students a strong grounding in the skills they will need throughout their degree.

Firstly, a written assignment (30%) will help to develop students' essay writing and information gathering and summarising skills. This exercise is normally scheduled to be the first assessment for the cohort across the programme, and thereby gives students their first experience of engaging with academic sources. In an age of 'fake news' and a widespread recognition that students cannot always easily discern useable information from dubious information, this module embeds good research practices, signposts good sources and where to find them, and allows students to explain how and why they select material – as well as practice their academic writing.

Secondly a set exercise (20%) requires students to answer a range of short form questions based on the module readings. This enables students to build up information retention and recall skills under a controlled environment. In that sense, much like the skills exercise is a preparation for essay writing, the set exercise is a preparation for other types of controlled assessments that students will later encounter in the programme – and in this module.

Finally, the online examination (50%) will allow for the students to demonstrate their understanding of the range of the subjects covered, and write at length about topics of their choice.

Assessment tasks:

Set Exercise (First Sit)

Description: set exercise

Weighting: 20 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Written Assignment (First Sit)

Description: Essay skills exercise (1500 words)

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3

Examination (Online) (First Sit)

Description: Online Examination (24 hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2

Set Exercise (Resit)

Description: set exercise

Weighting: 20 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1

Written Assignment (Resit)

Description: Essay (1500 words)

Weighting: 30 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO3

Examination (Online) (Resit)

Description: Online Examination (24 hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO2

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Politics And International Relations [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Politics And International Relations [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2023-24

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Frenchay] BA (Hons) 2022-23

Politics And International Relations {Foundation} [Sep][PT][Frenchay][8yrs] BA
(Hons) 2021-22