

School of International Relations

Important Degree Information:

B.Sc./M.A. Honours

The general requirements are 480 credits over a period of normally 4 years (and not more than 5 years) or part-time equivalent; the final two years being an approved honours programme of 240 credits, of which 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a BSc or MA degree.

B.Sc./M.A. Honours with Integrated Year Abroad

The general requirements are 540 credits over a period of normally 5 years (and not more than 6 years) or part-time equivalent; the final three years being an approved honours programme of 300 credits, of which 60 credits are gained during the integrated year abroad, 90 credits are at 4000 level and at least a further 120 credits at 3000 and/or 4000 levels. Refer to the appropriate Faculty regulations for lists of subjects recognised as qualifying towards either a BSc or MA degree.

Other Information: In the case of students who spend part of the Honours Programme abroad on a recognised Exchange Scheme, the Programme Requirements will be amended to take into account courses taken while abroad.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(M.A. Honours): International Relations	<p>Single Honours International Relations Degree:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of IR1005 and IR1006</p> <p>Level 2: 40 credits consisting of passes at 11 or better in IR2003 and IR2004.</p> <p>Level 3: 120 credits from IR3004 - IR3202</p> <p>30 credits may be taken outwith International Relations, with the permission of the Director of Teaching.</p> <p>Level 4: IR4099 and 90 credits from IR4501 - IR4590</p>
(M.A. Honours): International Relations and Arabic, Art History, Biblical Studies, Classical Studies, Economics, Film Studies, French[^], Geography, German[^], Italian[^], Management, Mathematics, Mediaeval History[~], Middle East Studies, Modern History, Philosophy, Psychology, Russian[^], Scottish History, Social Anthropology, Spanish[^], Theological Studies.	<p>International Relations element of Joint Honours Degrees:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of IR1005 and IR1006</p> <p>Level 2: 40 credits consisting of passes at 11 or better in IR2003 and IR2004.</p> <p>Level 3: 60 credits from IR3004 - IR3202</p> <p>Level 4: 60 credits from IR4099 - IR4590</p>

[^] available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'

[~]Timetable clash exists therefore this combination is subject to arrangement with both departments.

Degree Programmes	Programme Requirements at:
(M.A. Honours): Modern Languages with International Relations	<p>International Relations element of Minor Degree Programmes:</p> <p>Level 1: 40 credits consisting of IR1005 and IR1006</p> <p>Level 2: 40 credits consisting of passes at 11 or better in IR2003 and IR2004</p> <p>Level 3: The programme requires at least 90 credits in IR of which at least 30 must be taken from IR3004 - IR3202</p> <p>Level 4: At least 30 credits must be taken from IR4099 - IR4590</p>

Modules

Interdisciplinary Modules

This School contributes to an inter-disciplinary module – **SD1002 Sustainability: ensuring our common future** (see Section 22).

International Relations (IR) Modules

IR1005 Introduction to International Relations

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisites: AAAB at Higher or AAB at A level

Description: This module takes as its starting point the current state of the world and sets out to explore how we have reached this point. To this end it focuses on some of the key developments of the twentieth century, including the growth of the nation state, and the emergence of nationalism; the evolution of the international political system from Great Power rivalry, through two world wars to the Cold War; the international economic order; the emergence of international organisations, and the collapse of the communist system in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Class Hour: 10.00 am

Teaching: Three lectures and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

IR1006 Comparative Political Systems and Foreign Policy Analysis

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisite: IR1005 and either AAAB at Higher or AAB at A level

Description: This module introduces students to some of the main features of political systems and seeks to link these with the making of foreign policy. In the first half of the module we analyse the different types of political systems, introduce a range of concepts such as democracy, political culture, the state and power, and outline the key institutional features of modern states. The second half of the module looks at the ways in which different states make foreign policy, the different levels of analysis open to the student of foreign policy, and make extensive use of the case studies from various regions, which might include USA, Western and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East.

Class Hour: 10.00 am

Teaching: Three lectures and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

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IR2003 Power, Violence and International Relations

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 1

Prerequisites: IR1005 & IR1006

Description: The module will begin with an examination of concepts of power in contemporary International Relations theory; beginning with traditional realist understandings of power and then looking at challenges to realist understandings. It will then examine the central realist concept of the balance of power and Neo-Realist refinements of it, before moving on to discussions of the causes and character of war and conflict in contemporary world politics, both military and economic, and approaches to resolution of such conflicts. Finally it will discuss the ethics of war and violence. Two regional cases will then be considered. The module will then close by discussing some of the more important arguments about the character and shape of conflict at the close of the twentieth century and the possibilities of containing, managing and/or resolving it.

Class Hour: 4.00 pm

Teaching: Two lectures and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

IR2004 Peace & Governance in World Politics

Credits: 20.0 Semester: 2

Prerequisites: IR1005 and IR1006 and IR2003

Description: This module offers a view of the evolution of what might be termed idealist thought about peace and governance in international relations in the modern period. The first half examines the work of a range of non-realist thinkers. The second half of the module begins with an examination of the nature and foundations of international law. It continues with the exploration of the phenomenon of globalisation, the growth of international regimes, global civil society and global governance.

Class Hour: 4.00 pm

Teaching: Two lectures and one tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2 Hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: 3 Hour Examination = 100%

The details of the Honours modules – that is 3000 and 4000 level modules – which relate to the programmes listed in this section, are available in the Honours Course Catalogue.

