

## **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.

<b>Degree Programmes</b>	<b>Programme Requirements at:</b>
(M.A. Honours): <b>International Relations</b>	<p><b>Single Honours International Relations Degree:</b></p> <p><b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits consisting of IR1005 and IR1006</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits consisting of passes at 11 or better in IR2003 and IR2004.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 120 credits from IR3004 - IR3202</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> IR4099 and 90 credits from IR4501 - IR4590 30 3000-level or 4000-level credits may be taken outwith International Relations, with the permission of the Director of Teaching.</p>
(M.A. Honours): <b>International Relations and Arabic, Art History, Biblical Studies, Classical Studies, Economics, Film Studies, French<sup>^</sup>, Geography, German<sup>^</sup>, Italian<sup>^</sup>, Management, Mathematics, Mediaeval History~, Middle East Studies, Modern History, Philosophy, Psychology, Russian<sup>^</sup>, Scottish History, Social Anthropology, Spanish<sup>^</sup>, Theological Studies.</b>	<p><b>International Relations element of Joint Honours Degrees:</b></p> <p><b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits consisting of IR1005 and IR1006</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits consisting of passes at 11 or better in IR2003 and IR2004.</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 60 credits from IR3004 - IR3202</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> 60 credits from IR4099 - IR4590</p>
<p><sup>^</sup> available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'</p> <p>~Timetable clash exists therefore this combination is subject to arrangement with both departments.</p>	

<b>Degree Programmes</b>	<b>Programme Requirements at:</b>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Modern Languages with International Relations</b>  <b>French-German with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>French-Italian with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>French-Russian with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>French-Spanish with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>German-Italian with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>German-Russian with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>German-Spanish with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>Italian-Russian with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>Italian-Spanish with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b>  <b>Russian-Spanish with International Relations<sup>^</sup></b></p> <p><sup>^</sup> available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'</p>	<p><b>International Relations element of Minor Degree Programmes:</b>  <b>Level 1:</b> 40 credits consisting of IR1005 and IR1006</p> <p><b>Level 2:</b> 40 credits consisting of passes at 11 or better in IR2003 and IR2004</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> The Honours programme requires at least 90 credits in IR. At least 30 must be taken from IR3004 - IR3202</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> 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

Semester: 1

Prerequisites: AAAA at Higher or AAA at A level

Description: This module provides students with some of the basic theoretical approaches and concepts used in the study of international relations. At the same time it relates these concepts to international conflict, attempts to create a more peaceful international order, and the problems of a globalizing world.

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%

## **International Relations – 1000 & 2000 Level 2009/10 – August 2009**

### **IR1006 Foreign Policy Analysis and International Security**

Credits: 20 Semester: 2

Prerequisite: IR1005 and either AAAA at Higher or AAA at A level

Description: This module looks at the way states make foreign policy and the importance of security to this process. We start by looking at the domestic context, move on to issues of security, explore the way individual states shape their policy and the extent to which their actions are shaped by international regimes, law and diplomacy.

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%

### **IR2003 Power, Violence and International Relations**

Credits: 20 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 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-level and 4000-level modules – which relate to the programmes listed in this section, are available in the Honours Course Catalogue.**

