

## **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) or (IR2005 and IR2006).</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 one of:</b> <b>Arabic<sup>W</sup>, Art History, Biblical Studies, Classical Studies, Comparative Literature, Economics, Film Studies, French<sup>W</sup>, Geography, German<sup>W</sup>, Italian<sup>W</sup>, Management, Mathematics, Mediaeval History<sup>T</sup>, Middle East Studies, Modern History, Philosophy, Psychology, Russian<sup>W</sup>, Scottish History, Social Anthropology, Spanish<sup>W</sup>, Theological Studies<sup>T</sup>.</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) or (IR2005 and IR2006).</p> <p><b>Level 3:</b> 60 credits from IR3004 - IR3202</p> <p><b>Level 4:</b> 60 credits from IR4099 - IR4590</p>

<sup>W</sup> Available also as 'With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees'

<sup>T</sup> Timetable clash exists therefore this combination is subject to arrangement with both departments.

<b>Degree Programmes</b>	<b>Programme Requirements at:</b>
<p>(M.A. Honours):  <b>Modern Languages (two languages) and International Relations<sup>w</sup></b></p> <p>The possible two language combinations are:</p> <p>French-German ,French-Italian, French-Russian, French-Spanish, German-Italian, German-Russian, German-Spanish, Italian-Russian, Italian-Spanish, Russian-Spanish</p> <p><sup>w</sup> Available also as ‘With Integrated Year Abroad Degrees’</p>	<p><b>International Relations element of Degree Programmes including Modern Languages:</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) or (IR2005 and IR2006).</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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Teaching: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2-hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: 3-hour Examination = 100%

#### 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 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Teaching: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2-hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: 3-hour Examination = 100%

## **International Relations – 1000 & 2000 Level 2011/12 – August 2011**

### **IR2005 Theoretical Approaches to International Relations**

Credits: 20 Semester: 1

Prerequisites: IR1005 & IR1006

Description: Theory is central to the discipline of International Relations. It is theory that distinguishes the field from the study history, current affairs or journalism and makes the subject area more than simple descriptive thought. This module examines the main current theories in IR and provides an overview of their main theoretical approaches to the study of IR, from Liberalism and Realism; through Constructivism and the English School, to radical Marxist and Neo-Marxist perspectives as well Feminism, Post-Colonialism and Postmodernism.

The main purpose of this module is to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of how major scholars, past and contemporary, have theorized about the dynamics of international relations. The theories generally make a number of propositions which sometimes offer conflicting perspectives, but also occasionally overlap. Our main task will be to outline, critique, compare and contrast the assumptions and values which underlie each of these theories so students may enhance their own critical understanding of International Relations as well as form their own perspectives.

Class Hour: 4.00 pm Tuesday, Thursday

Teaching: 2 lectures and 1 tutorial.

Assessment: Continuous Assessment = 40%, 2-hour Examination = 60%

Re-Assessment: 3-hour Examination = 100%

### **IR2006 Issues in International Relations**

Credits: 20 Semester: 2

Prerequisites: IR1005 and IR1006 and IR2005

Description: Building on IR2005's discussion of theoretical approaches to International Relations, this module will explore how these relate to some of the issues that confront those engaged in the world of international politics. The introduction to the module will reiterate why theory matters and each week the lecturers will approach the individual issues through one of two theoretical lenses, though there will be no single model applied to all cases. These will include: terrorism and asymmetric warfare, non-proliferation and weapons of mass destruction, 'new wars', humanitarian intervention and its limits, human rights, religion, aid and development, environmental change, regionalism.

Class Hour: 4.00 pm Tuesday, Thursday

Teaching: 2 lectures and 1 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.**

