

School of International Relations

International Relations (IR) Modules

| IR1005 Introduction to International Relations | | | | |
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| SCOTCAT Credits: | 20 | SCQF Level 7 | Semester: | 1 |
| Availability restrictions: | Available only to First Year students in the Faculties of Arts and Divinity. | | | |
| Planned timetable: | 10.00 am Tue, Wed, Thu. | | | |
| 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 globalising world. | | | | |
| Programme module type: | Compulsory for International Relations | | | |
| Pre-requisite(s): | AAAA at Higher or AAA at A-Level or IB38. | | | |
| Required for: | IR1006, IR2005, IR2006 | | | |
| Learning and teaching methods and delivery: | Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial. | | | |
| | Scheduled learning: 70 hours | | Guided independent study: 130 hours | |
| Assessment pattern: | As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 60%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 40% | | | |
| | As used by St Andrews: Coursework = 40%, 2-hour Written Examination = 60% | | | |
| Module Co-ordinator: | Dr M F Imber | | | |

| IR1006 Foreign Policy Analysis and International Security | | | | |
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| SCOTCAT Credits: | 20 | SCQF Level 7 | Semester: | 2 |
| Planned timetable: | 10.00 am Tue, Wed, Thu. | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| Programme module type: | Compulsory for International Relations | | | |
| Pre-requisite(s): | IR1005 | Required for: | IR2005, IR2006 | |
| Learning and teaching methods and delivery: | Weekly contact: 3 lectures and 1 tutorial. | | | |
| | Scheduled learning: 70 hours | | Guided independent study: 130 hours | |
| Assessment pattern: | As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 60%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 40% | | | |
| | As used by St Andrews: Coursework = 40%, 2-hour Written Examination = 60% | | | |
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| IR2005 Theoretical Approaches to International Relations | | | | |
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| SCOTCAT Credits: | 20 | SCQF Level 8 | Semester: | 1 |
| Planned timetable: | 4.00 pm Tue, Thu. | | | |
| <p>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 theorised 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.</p> | | | | |
| Programme module type: | Compulsory for International Relations | | | |
| Pre-requisite(s): | IR1005 and IR1006 | Required for: | IR2006 | |
| Learning and teaching methods and delivery: | Weekly contact: 2 lectures and 1 tutorial. | | | |
| | Scheduled learning: 60 hours | | Guided independent study: 140 hours | |
| Assessment pattern: | As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 60%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 40% | | | |
| | As used by St Andrews: Coursework = 40%, Class Test = 20%, 2-hour Written Examination = 40% | | | |
| Module Co-ordinator: | Dr C E Gentry | | | |

| IR2006 Issues in International Relations | | | | |
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| SCOTCAT Credits: | 20 | SCQF Level 8 | Semester: | 2 |
| Planned timetable: | 4.00 pm Tue, Thu. | | | |
| <p>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.</p> | | | | |
| Programme module type: | Compulsory for International Relations | | | |
| Pre-requisite(s): | IR2005 | | | |
| Learning and teaching methods and delivery: | Weekly contact: 2 lectures and 1 tutorial. | | | |
| | Scheduled learning: 60 hours | | Guided independent study: 140 hours | |
| Assessment pattern: | As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 60%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 40% | | | |
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