

POLS20030 UQ: Conceptions of World Politics

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	2 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus. Online.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Online classes from March to June through the University of Queensland. This subject is only available online. Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Admission to the Global Issues Program and timely enrolment at Queensland before the quota is filled. Previous studies in Political Science in recommended.
Corequisites:	Nil
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Admission to the Global Issues Program
Non Allowed Subjects:	Students cannot take more than one core subject; an enrolment in this subject precludes an enrolment in Globalisation and Social Change, offered by Lund University and Global Citizenship- Global Issues, offered by the University of Nottingham and Global Citizenship, offered by the University of British Columbia.
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering requests for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this course are articulated in the Course Description, Course Objectives and Generic Skills of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	The principal purpose of this course is to introduce students to the various theoretical approaches to the study of world politics. The subject matter of international political theory – who gets what, when, where and how on a global scale – is open to a number of contrasting interpretations. The course therefore helps students critically engage with the ways in which ideas shape the practices of global politics. The course examines rival paradigms such as realism, liberalism, constructivism and feminism, as well as key concepts such as power, the international system, the state, anarchy, sovereignty, security, governance and norms.
Objectives:	After successfully completing this course you should be able to: 1. Understand different ways of thinking about international politics. 2. Apply different traditions of thinking to the examination of practical dilemmas in world politics. 3. Demonstrate enhanced skills in verbal communication. 4. Demonstrate enhanced skills in written communication.
Assessment:	Participation in a weekly blog, a written research assignment and a take-home exam.
Prescribed Texts:	Scott Burchill et. al. (eds.), Theories of International Relations (Basingstoke: Palgrave, third edition). 2005.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees

Links to further information:	http://www.mobility.unimelb.edu.au/outgoing/u21/global-issues-program/
Notes:	This subject is one of four alternative core subjects for the Global Issues Program. This subject is quota restricted and places are allocated as applications are received at the University of Queensland.
Related Course(s):	U21 Certificate in Global Issues U21 Diploma in Global Issues