

POL20025 International Relations: Key Questions

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| Credit Points: | 12.50 |
| Level: | 2 (Undergraduate) |
| Dates & Locations: | 2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, Parkville - Taught on campus. |
| Time Commitment: | Contact Hours: Thirty contact hours per semester. 2 x one hour lectures and 1 x one hour tutorial per week. The lecture and tutorial programs are staggered and cover the 12 weeks of semester. Total Time Commitment: Not available |
| Prerequisites: | None |
| Corequisites: | None |
| Recommended Background Knowledge: | Politics and International Studies at Level 1 |
| Non Allowed Subjects: | 166-275 International Relations: Key Questions |
| Core Participation Requirements: | For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements 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: | Global politics is one fundamental way of talking about human life on earth. This subject asks, and seeks systematically to answer, a wide range of related questions like: Who governs? Who provides? Who am 'I'? Who owns all this stuff? Who makes it? Whose idea was this anyway? Where are all the women? What's wrong with warmer weather? How reliable is rationalism? Who talks about the Beyond? Who behaves accordingly? In the process this subject discusses the balance of inter-state power, global guerrilla strategies, the energy issue, democracy as a world ideal, patterns of global property possession, world production chains, people smuggling, the role played by norm entrepreneurs, feminism and environmentalism, the globalisation of the modernist project, and where god has gone. |
| Objectives: | Students who successfully complete this subject should... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have an appreciation of the contending theories and approaches in international relations; # have the background to think critically about these theories and approaches; # have the ability to apply a variety of theories and approaches to contemporary international relations; # be able to deploy a range of critical thinking and analytical skills; # be able to demonstrate improved writing and oral skills. |
| Assessment: | Essay of 2,000 words (50%) due mid-semester and a 2-hour exam (50%) held during the examination period. This subject has a minimum Hurdle Requirement of 75% Tutorial attendance. Students who fail to meet this hurdle requirement will be deemed ineligible to submit the final piece of assessment or sit the final examination. Regular participation in tutorials is required. Assessment submitted late without an approved extension will be penalised at 10% per working day. In-class tasks missed without approval will not be marked. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject. |
| Prescribed Texts: | A subject reader will be available for purchase from the University Bookshop. |

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| Breadth Options: | <p>This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Bachelor of Biomedicine (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-BMED) # Bachelor of Commerce (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-COM) # Bachelor of Environments (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-ENVS) # Bachelor of Music (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-MUS) # Bachelor of Science (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-SCI) # Bachelor of Engineering (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2011/B-ENG) <p>You should visit learn more about breadth subjects (http://breadth.unimelb.edu.au/breadth/info/index.html) and read the breadth requirements for your degree, and should discuss your choice with your student adviser, before deciding on your subjects.</p> |
| Fees Information: | Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees |
| Generic Skills: | <p>Students who successfully complete this subject should</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # be able to research a topic through the competent use of the library and other information sources, and be able to define areas of inquiry and methods of research in the preparation of essays. # be able to conceptualise theoretical problems, form judgements and arguments and communicate critically,creatively and theoretically through essay writing, tutorial discussion and presentations. # be able to communicate knowledge logically and economically through essay writing and tutorial discussion. # be able to manage and organise workloads for recommended reading, the completion of essays and assignments and examination revision. # be able to participate in team work through small group discussions. |
| Notes: | Available as a Breadth subject to non-Bachelor of Arts students. |
| Related Course(s): | U21 Certificate in Global Issues U21 Diploma in Global Issues |
| Related Majors/Minors/Specialisations: | International Studies Major Political Science Major Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies Politics and International Studies |