

POL20025 International Relations: Key Questions

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	2 (Undergraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013.
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: 120 hours
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:	This subject explores key questions in international relations, beginning with the basic questions of why the world is comprised of states and why they enjoy a monopoly on legitimate violence, and then expanding through a range of questions such as whether cultural identities are responsible for international conflict, whether the concept of 'human rights' is a remnant of colonialism, and who really controls the global economy. This subject provides an in-depth examination of the ideas and actors that have shaped world politics, and encourages a critical exploration of the politics behind current events in international relations, from environmental agreements to targeted killings by robot planes to indigenous land claims. Students will be encouraged to evaluate the theoretical assumptions and debates in international relations and how they influence global politics today.
Objectives:	Students who successfully complete this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have an appreciation of the contending theories in and approaches to 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. Hurdle Requirement: This subject has a minimum Hurdle Requirement of 75% tutorial attendance. 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.
Breadth Options:	This subject potentially can be taken as a breadth subject component for the following courses:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # <u>Bachelor of Biomedicine</u> (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-BMED) # <u>Bachelor of Commerce</u> (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-COM) # <u>Bachelor of Environments</u> (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-ENVS) # <u>Bachelor of Music</u> (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-MUS) # <u>Bachelor of Science</u> (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/B-SCI) # <u>Bachelor of Engineering</u> (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2013/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 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