

POL90028 International Relations Theory

Credit Points:	12.5
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2016, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: February, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 contact hours: 1-hour lecture & 2-hour seminar Weeks 1-8 of Semester. Total Time Commitment: 170 hours
Prerequisites:	Entry into the Master of International Relations (MIR)
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Politics and International Studies at Undergraduate level
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
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 provides an advanced introduction to the major theories of International Relations and their influence on international affairs. Students will be introduced to mainstream approaches like realism / neo-realism, liberal internationalism / neoliberal institutionalism, and critical and normative approaches to international theory. The subject will also explore how different theories of International Relations have shaped contemporary debates and practices in international affairs, including the role of power and morality, the role of international institutions, and practices of inclusion and exclusion.
Learning Outcomes:	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # demonstrate a familiarity with the major theoretical perspectives in world politics; # understand the major points of disagreement between these perspectives; # be able to relate the theoretical debates about world politics to practical problems and issues.
Assessment:	Two x 1000 word briefing essays (20% each) due during the semester; A 3000 word essay (60%) due during the examination period. Hurdle requirement: Students must attend a minimum of 80% of classes in order to pass this subject. All pieces of written work must be submitted to pass this subject.
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	Readings will be available from LMS.
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

Generic Skills:	On completion of this subject students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"># develop persuasive arguments on a given topic;# apply research skills and critical methods to a field of inquiry;# be able to communicate oral and written arguments and ideas effectively;# develop cross-cultural understanding.
Notes:	This subject is a compulsory component of the Master of International Relations. It is also compulsory in the following courses, for those students who have not completed 166-401: Master of International Politics 200-point program(teach-out), Honours (International studies), Postgraduate Certificate in Arts (International Politics), Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (International Politics).
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	100 Point Master of International Relations 200 Point Master of International Relations