

# POLI 1002 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

**Credit Points** 10

**Legacy Code** 101956

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**Description** In 2022, this subject is replaced by POLI 1008 World Politics and International Relations (WSTC). This is a foundation subject for the major in International Relations and Asian Studies. As such, this subject will introduce students to key topics and debates in the field of International Relations (IR). The subject will familiarise students with leading IR theories and their explanation of political events, phenomena, and processes which cross the territorial boundaries of the state. Students will be exposed to the interplay between power, interest, ideas, identity, and resistance, in explaining continuity and change in international relations. The subject is designed to provide students with the analytical tools and intellectual frameworks needed to understand the behaviour of different international actors in contemporary global affairs.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Political Science

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** POLI 1003 - Introduction to International Relations (WSTC)

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify the main actors in world politics
2. Describe the major evolutions in the history of international politics
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the intimate linkages between 'domestic' and 'international' politics
4. Show an understanding of the main IR theories and the assumptions implicit in each of these different ways of looking at the world
5. Identify multiple perspectives on International Relations
6. Interpret current policy debates and international trends
7. Evaluate solutions to dominant policy-making problems in world politics.

## Subject Content

- . History of International Relations (IR) theory
- . Main theoretical approaches to the study of IR
- . Non-Western perspectives on the study of IR
- . Non-anthropocentric/post-human approaches to the study of IR
- . Key concepts in the study of IR
- . Leading actors in world politics
- . Ethics of global affairs
- . Conflict and cooperation in international affairs
- . The role and consequences of international organisations

- . International regimes, international law, and global governance in world politics
- . Shift from 'inter-national' to 'inter-regional' relations
- . The link between 'domestic' and 'international' politics

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Tutorial Exercises	500 words	30	N	Individual
Essay	1500 words	40	N	Individual
Take-home exam	1000 words	30	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Introduction to international relations : perspectives, connections, and enduring questions by Joseph Grieco, G. John Ikenberry, Michael Mastanduno. 2nd ed., published London: Red Globe Press, 2019 (ISBN: 9781352004229)

Teaching Periods