



# POIR905

## Foundations in Politics, International Relations and Public Policy

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*Dept of Modern History, Politics & International Relations*

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## General Information

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Credit points 4
Prerequisites Admission to GradCertIntRel or GradCertPPP
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit explores some key concepts in Politics and International Relations. It enables a broad understanding of these contested concepts, which have decisively influenced political and human development through history to the present.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- Demonstrate a critical knowledge of influential political concepts
- Ability to Integrate political, philosophical, legal, social and economic reasoning
- Comprehend how ideational, cultural and personal factors can interact to influence national and/or world affairs
- Effectively communicate understanding of connections between concepts, and between concepts and practices

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Due
<a href="#">Seminar Presentation</a>	10%	in any one week
<a href="#">Seminar Participation</a>	10%	throughout the unit

Name	Weighting	Due
<u>Essay</u>	40%	9 June, 12:00 noon
<u>Exam/Test</u>	40%	6 June

## Seminar Presentation

Due: **in any one week**

Weighting: **10%**

Present a verbal analysis of the concept/s discussed in any one week.

Power point and/or other technology can be used but does not have to be.

A written 1 page summary is to be delivered 7 days after the presentation.

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## Seminar Participation

Due: **throughout the unit**

Weighting: **10%**

Contribution to scholarly discussion and exchange

Mutual collegial assistance

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## Essay

Due: **9 June, 12:00 noon**

Weighting: **40%**

Essay on a weekly topic other than your seminar presentation. 3000 words of text (references/ notes are additional).

#### Essay Questions

- 1) How long will states remain the predominant political form?
- 2) Is there a principal cause of political violence?
- 3) Is international politics different to politics in one country? How and why?
- 4) What bestows legitimacy on an actor claiming or aspiring to political authority?
- 5) What is the most powerful force in politics?
- 6) Is a global political culture or system possible – why or why not?
- 7) Is the world becoming more or less ‘democratic’?
- 8) Can security be guaranteed or at least greatly enhanced? How?

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## Exam/Test

Due: **6 June**

Weighting: **40%**

Test based on material drawn from the topics and literature discussed through the unit. 2 hours in class.

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## Delivery and Resources

In person lectures also audio recorded

## Unit Schedule

Mondays 12:00 - 14:00 beginning 29 February

A detailed schedule will be outlined in a forthcoming *detailed unit guide*

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](#). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic\\_honesty/policy.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html)

**New Assessment Policy in effect from Session 2 2016** [http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy\\_2016.html](http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy_2016.html). For more information visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new\\_assessment\\_policy\\_in\\_place\\_from\\_session\\_2/](http://students.mq.edu.au/events/2016/07/19/new_assessment_policy_in_place_from_session_2/)

Assessment Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/assessment/policy.html>

Grading Policy prior to Session 2 2016 <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/grading/policy.html>

Grade Appeal Policy <http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/gradeappeal/policy.html>

Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint\\_management/procedure.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/complaint_management/procedure.html)

Disruption to Studies Policy [http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption\\_studies/policy.html](http://www.mq.edu.au/policy/docs/disruption_studies/policy.html) *The Disruption to Studies Policy is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.*

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the [Learning and Teaching Category](#) of Policy Central.

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student\\_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

## Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## Learning Skills

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

## Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

## Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

## Graduate Capabilities

### PG - Discipline Knowledge and Skills

Our postgraduates will be able to demonstrate a significantly enhanced depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content knowledge in their chosen fields.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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### Assessment tasks

- Seminar Presentation

- Seminar Participation
- Essay
- Exam/Test

## PG - Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

Our postgraduates will be capable of utilising and reflecting on prior knowledge and experience, of applying higher level critical thinking skills, and of integrating and synthesising learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments. A characteristic of this form of thinking is the generation of new, professionally oriented knowledge through personal or group-based critique of practice and theory.

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## PG - Research and Problem Solving Capability

Our postgraduates will be capable of systematic enquiry; able to use research skills to create new knowledge that can be applied to real world issues, or contribute to a field of study or practice to enhance society. They will be capable of creative questioning, problem finding and problem solving.

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## PG - Effective Communication

Our postgraduates will be able to communicate effectively and convey their views to different social, cultural, and professional audiences. They will be able to use a variety of technologically supported media to communicate with empathy using a range of written, spoken or visual formats.

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Date	Description
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