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Introduction to Global Politics

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Department of Modern History, Politics & International Relations

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Notice

As part of [Phase 3 of our return to campus plan](#), most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group learning activities on campus for the second half-year, while keeping an online version available for those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face and online activities for your unit, please go to [timetable viewer](#). To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit's iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.

General Information

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10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

Global politics is often dramatic and contentious covering big picture dilemmas such as what are the causes of war and peace? How do we find solutions to shared global problems like climate change and preventing the spread of nuclear weapons? How do we make sense of persistent poverty and underdevelopment in some parts of the world but not others? Whose political ideas matter most and why? Finally, what have been the implications of globalisation for world politics? This unit equips students with the tools to understand the forces that shape the world we live in by introducing them to the key issues, institutions, ideas and actors involved in global politics. The first section of the unit outlines the historical context, key theories and concepts, and fundamental institutions of contemporary global politics. The second section covers important contemporary issues including security challenges, climate change, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, global inequality, the role of culture, religion and identity in global politics, great power rivalry, and globalisation. The unit gives students the foundations necessary for undertaking a major in International Relations or Politics.

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:

ULO1: Understand and evaluate the role of historical events and the meanings that have been attributed to them in world politics.

ULO2: Apply and develop further independent research skills required to discover relevant evidence to support academic arguments.

ULO3: Understand and apply the academic skills required to write cogently and to structure arguments in a logical order.

ULO4: Critically engage with and analyse the key issues and challenges that are the current focus of world politics.

ULO5: Understand, explain and apply the key concepts, theories, methods, and issues relevant to the study of International Relations at an introductory level.

ULO6: Identify and understand the defining debates in the field of Global Politics.

General Assessment Information

Essays will be FAILED for the following reasons

1. **Plagiarism** – for example, where sentences or paragraphs are taken word-for-word or nearly word-for-word from another source and presented as original expression. See the University's Academic Honesty Policy (link below) for an in-depth explanation of what constitutes plagiarism. Plagiarism is taken very seriously by the Convenor and the Department generally and will result in a range of penalties, including a zero grade for an assessment task. Serious instances of plagiarism will be reported to the Faculty Discipline Committee.
2. **Excessive use of direct quotes** may result in a fail grade. As a general rule, no more than 10% of the overall word length of a research paper should appear in direct quotes. Students must try to express their ideas and arguments in their own words as much as possible. This demonstrates true understanding.
3. Identical or nearly **identical essays** will all fail – regardless of the original authorship.
4. Work that is significantly below the required **word length**.
5. Essays written with **poor English grammar and expression** may be failed if the marker is unable to understand the argument(s) raised.
6. Work that has been previously submitted and assessed in other units that is then re-submitted for assessment for this unit, in whole or part, will receive a fail grade. This is defined as '**self-plagiarism**' under the Academic Honesty Policy.

Examination

The only exception to taking an examination at the designated time (above) is where a student has experienced 'unexpected, unavoidable and serious circumstances' that prevented them from completing the paper, that can be documented. In these circumstances, the student should consider applying for 'Special Consideration'. Consult the Special Consideration Policy (below) for further information about what criteria must be met.

If a Supplementary Examination is granted as a result of the Special Consideration process, the examination will be scheduled after the conclusion of the official examination period.

You are advised that it is Macquarie University policy not to set early examinations for individuals or groups of students. All students are expected to ensure that they are available to take the exam as scheduled.

Extensions

Any student seeking an extension of time to submit their major research essay must apply formally for 'special consideration' using the ask.mq.edu.au system. Applications should be made before the due date for the assignment.

Whilst we do understand that many or most students support themselves through paid employment, extensions cannot be granted on this basis alone. Students must manage their time and workloads accordingly. Essay topics will be made available early in the semester leaving sufficient time for essay preparation. Meeting deadlines for assignments is treated very seriously in this course. **Accordingly, the penalties for late submission are high.**

Penalties for Late Submission

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved:

- (a) a penalty for lateness will apply - two (2) marks out of 100 will be deducted per day for assignments submitted after the due date;
- (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (including weekends) after the original submission deadline;
- (c) No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments - e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Assignment Submission

Hard copy submission of assignments will not be required for this course. All assignments are to be submitted online using the ilearn website for this unit. A Turnitin link for submission for the research essay, quiz and final exam will be set up there. Comments and grades will also be available online.

Turn-it-in

All written work in this course is required to be uploaded using the Turnitin link provided on the ilearn website for this unit. Turnitin is a type of anti-plagiarism software used by the university. Work that is not uploaded using the Turnitin link on ilearn will not be graded and will receive a mark of zero.

Re-submission of assessment tasks

Re-submission of assessment tasks is not possible in this unit. Please consult with your tutor before handing in any assessment task if you have any questions. Also, see the section below titled 'student support' for details about workshops on research skills, essay writing, and plagiarism available to all students in the first weeks of the semester.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Discussion Board Participation</u>	10%	No	Ongoing
<u>Quiz</u>	15%	No	released 9 am 3 September; open for 24 hrs
<u>Research Essay</u>	40%	No	6 October by 5 pm
<u>Final Examination</u>	35%	No	released 9am 7 November; due 9pm 8 November

Discussion Board Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 36 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

Online Discussion Board Participation

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Quiz

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 16 hours

Due: **released 9 am 3 September; open for 24 hrs**

Weighting: **15%**

Quiz

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Research Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 31 hours

Due: **6 October by 5 pm**

Weighting: **40%**

Research Essay

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- Critically engage with and analyse the key issues and challenges that are the current focus of world politics.
- Understand, explain and apply the key concepts, theories, methods, and issues relevant to the study of International Relations at an introductory level.

- Identify and understand the defining debates in the field of Global Politics.

Final Examination

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 31 hours

Due: **released 9am 7 November; due 9pm 8 November**

Weighting: **35%**

Final exam will be administered online as a timed take home exam. See iLearn for more information

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Understand and evaluate the role of historical events and the meanings that have been attributed to them in world politics.
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- Critically engage with and analyse the key issues and challenges that are the current focus of world politics.
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¹ If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

² Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Lectures and Discussion Board

Discussion Boards: Weekly engagement with the reading materials and lectures will be assessed via student contributions to discussion boards that will be set up each week on the ilearn site for this unit. Discussion will focus on specific questions that will be listed online.

Online lectures: There will be no live on-campus lectures. All lectures will be pre-recorded and

uploaded from week to week on the ilearn site for this unit.

Textbook

The following textbook will be used in this course and is required for purchase:

Andrew Heywood, Global Politics, 2nd Edition 2014, Palgrave MacMillan Press

Paperback - ISBN 9781137349262

E-book - Ebook - 9781137349279

Please ensure that you buy the latest 2014 edition. Please buy the book prior to the start of the semester. There are many online booksellers selling the book (new and used) that can post the book within 5-8 days. A simple google search will bring up a number of suppliers and the most competitive price.

Additional required readings will be available through the library and ilearn.

Technologies Used

This unit has an online presence on ilearn. Students will require access to reliable broadband and a computer. Students must login to this site, and also their student email account each week.

To login go to: <https://ilearn.mq.edu.au/login/index.php>

Unit Schedule

Week 1 - An Introduction to the study of Global Politics

Week beginning 27 July

Week 2 - The Historical Context: Political Systems in World History

Week beginning 3 August

Week 3 - The Historical Context: IR in the Twentieth Century

Week beginning 10 August

Week 4 - Theories of International Relations

Week beginning 17 August

Week 5 - Essay Writing and Research Skills

Week beginning 24 August

Week 6 - War and Peace

Week beginning 31 August

Quiz - covering material in weeks 1-4

Released 9 am Thursday 3 September at 9 and remains open until 9 am Friday 4 September. You will be given 1 hour to answer the Quiz questions.

Week 7 - The Global Governance Challenge

Week beginning 7 September

MID-SEMESTER RECESS - 14 September to 25 September

Week 8 - International Political Economy

Week beginning 28 September

Week 9 - NO LECTURE AND TUTORIALS

Public Holiday (Labour Day) on 5 October

Research Essay Due Tuesday 6 October 5 pm.

Week 10 - Religion, Culture, and Identity in Global Politics

Week beginning 12 October

Week 11 - Global Environmental Issues

Week beginning 19 October

Week 12 - Great Power Transitions

Week beginning 26 October

Week 13 - STUDY WEEK

Week beginning 2 November

No lectures or Tutorials

FINAL EXAM DUE: Paper released on Saturday 7th of November at 9 am and is due for submission by 9 pm on Sunday 8th of November.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central>). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4*

December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Getting help with your assignment](#)
- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

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

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@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/.

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.