



POIR7001

Key Questions in International Relations

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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

Unit convenor and teaching staff Steve Wood steve.wood@mq.edu.au
Credit points 10
Prerequisites Admission to BPhil/MRes
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit examines enduring and/or topical issues and themes in International Relations, relating them to a single assessment component, for which students can choose their own topic. Some weeks will focus practically on aspects of the assessment component, a 6000-8000 word paper, composed in the form of a refereed journal article

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 international relations - students should have a broad and nuanced understanding of the (sub-) discipline of International Relations, as content and as a field of study

ULO2: Make sense of literature, discover journals, detect and comprehend approaches and arguments in relevant scholarly literature, and learn about positioning in the field

ULO3: Engage with the craft of scholarship - choose a topic, decide an approach or method, organize and compose an article

ULO4: Produce and submit a completed academic journal article - enhanced knowledge and understanding of academic practice in the discipline of International Relations

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Long paper	100%	No	9 November 2020

Long paper

Assessment Type ¹: Project

Indicative Time on Task ²: 100 hours

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- Make sense of literature, discover journals, detect and comprehend approaches and arguments in relevant scholarly literature, and learn about positioning in the field
- Engage with the craft of scholarship - choose a topic, decide an approach or method, organize and compose an article
- Produce and submit a completed academic journal article - enhanced knowledge and understanding of academic practice in the discipline of International Relations

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

As all can appreciate, we are in a fluid situation. Circumstances may change at any time.

Nominally this unit is scheduled for Wednesdays 11-1. I am not sure if a room will be available at that time, or if one is, what resources it will have. The convenor has communicated with students in this unit since several weeks before the official semester start. Unit delivery is flexible dependent on potentially changing circumstances.

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.