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Introduction to Global Politics

Session 2, Fully online/virtual 2021

Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.

General Information

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Credit points
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

<u>**Essays will be FAILED for the following reasons**</u>

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 (and this unit if you have failed previously) 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. **Note that the penalties for late submission are high under the Faculty of Arts new policy**.

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

Unless a **Special Consideration** request has been submitted and approved,

(a) a penalty for lateness will apply – **10 marks out of 100 credit will be deducted per day** for assignments submitted after the due date – and

(b) **no assignment** will be **accepted seven days** (incl. 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 allowed in this unit. Please consult with your tutor or the Convenor 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
Discussion Board Participation	10%	No	Ongoing
Quiz	15%	No	17.00 hrs 24/8/21
Research Essay	40%	No	9.00 hrs 6/10/21
Final Examination	35%	No	9.00 hrs 6/11/21 to 21.00 hrs 7/11/21

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: **17.00 hrs 24/8/21**
Weighting: **15%**

Quiz - see details on ilearn.

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Research Essay

Assessment Type [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 31 hours
Due: **9.00 hrs 6/10/21**
Weighting: **40%**

Research Essay

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Final Examination

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 31 hours
Due: **9.00 hrs 6/11/21 to 21.00 hrs 7/11/21**
Weighting: **35%**

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

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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. Details will be provided on the ilearn site.

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 at the date and time of the lecture scheduled in the timetable - see https://timetables.mq.edu.au/2021/.

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 26 July

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

Week beginning 2 August

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

Week beginning 9 August

Week 4 - Theories of International Relations

Week beginning 16 August

Week 5 - Essay Writing and Research Skills

Week beginning 23 August

Quiz - covering material in weeks 1-4

Quiz released on ilearn 5.00 pm Tuesday 24 August and remains open until 11.59 pm Wednesday 25 August. You will be given 1 hour to answer the Quiz questions once you enter the quiz.

Week 6 - War and Peace

Week beginning 30 August

Week 7 - The Global Governance Challenge

Week beginning 6 September

MID-SEMESTER RECESS - 13 September to 24 September

Week 8 - International Political Economy

Week beginning 27 September

Week 9 - NO LECTURE AND TUTORIALS

Public Holiday (Labour Day) on 4 October

Research Essay Due 6 October by 9 am.

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

Week beginning 11 October

Week 11 - Global Environmental Issues

Week beginning 18 October

Week 12 - Great Power Transitions

Week beginning 25 October

Week 13 - STUDY WEEK

Week beginning 1 November

No lectures or Tutorials - use the time to revise

FINAL EXAM DUE: *Paper released on Saturday 6th of November at 9 am and is due for submission by 9 pm on Sunday 7th of November.*

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). 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

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

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/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.