



# POIR8070

## International Relations Practice

Session 1, Special circumstances, Other 2021

*Macquarie School of Social Sciences*

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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 activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face 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 <a href="mailto:steve.wood@mq.edu.au">steve.wood@mq.edu.au</a>
Credit points 10
Prerequisites (POIR8410 or IRPG841) and (admission to MIntRel or MIntCommMIntRel or MIntBusMIntRel or MTransInterMIntRel or MPPPMIntRel)
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description This unit draws on knowledge from across the International Relations program, requiring candidates to apply their earlier learning to urgent and/or controversial themes in international relations - i.e. international political problems. Assessment components include a participatory exercise (a simulation that involves role playing), an essay, and an end of semester exam. This holistic and balanced range of tasks enables students to acquire (i) some specialist and general theoretical knowledge; (ii) to develop and apply negotiation, communication and practical problem solving abilities; (iii) enhance research and writing skills.

## 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:** Identify and articulate views on a contemporary political issue in verbal and written format

**ULO2:** demonstrate insight into some concepts, ideas and practice in world politics

**ULO3:** explain relationships between elements of domestic and international politics including institutions, historical influences and current context

**ULO4:** understand and apply diplomatic skills in a practical scenario

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Scenario Paper</a>	25%	No	7 April 2021 4pm
<a href="#">Test in lieu of examination - only in Special Circumstances</a>	35%	No	in exam period
<a href="#">3000 word research essay. Questions will be provided.</a>	40%	No	28 May 2021 4pm

### Scenario Paper

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Simulation/role play

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 20 hours

Due: **7 April 2021 4pm**

Weighting: **25%**

In Special Circumstances (if internal teaching is prevented). A 1200 word paper on the scenario. The paper should take the form of a diplomatic position on the issue simulated in the scenario. A description of the scenario, along with requirements will be outlined on iLearn.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- demonstrate insight into some concepts, ideas and practice in world politics
- explain relationships between elements of domestic and international politics including institutions, historical influences and current context

### Test in lieu of examination - only in Special Circumstances

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 40 hours

Due: **in exam period**

Weighting: **35%**

An online assessment task that tests analytical and expressive abilities and learning in the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- demonstrate insight into some concepts, ideas and practice in world politics
- explain relationships between elements of domestic and international politics including institutions, historical influences and current context
- understand and apply diplomatic skills in a practical scenario

## 3000 word research essay. Questions will be provided.

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Essay

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 40 hours

Due: **28 May 2021 4pm**

Weighting: **40%**

Students are to research and write a 3000 word (of text - references and any footnotes are extra) essay on one of the topics addressed in the unit. Essay questions will be provided.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and articulate views on a contemporary political issue in verbal and written format
- demonstrate insight into some concepts, ideas and practice in world politics
- explain relationships between elements of domestic and international politics including institutions, historical influences and current context

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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

on campus lectures and seminars

audio and slides on ilearn via Echo

## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](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 \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](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 \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](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](https://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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](https://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](http://ask.mq.edu.au)

If you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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/](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.