



POIR8040

Research Methods in International Relations

Session 1, Special circumstances 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

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Credit points

10

Prerequisites

Admission to MPPP or MIntRel or MPICTMIntSecSt or MCPICTMIntSecSt or MPICT or MCPICT or MIntSecStud or GradDipIntSecStud or MIntPubDip or MIntCommMIntRel or MIntBusMIntRel or MTransInterMIntRel or MPPPMIntRel

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines general aspects of academic research including purpose/aims, questions and 'problems', organisation and design, the philosophy of science and associated debates, as well as specific methods and materials applied to pursue a research project including archives, interviews, surveys, quantitative, and discourse analysis.

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 aims and philosophical considerations underpinning academic research

ULO2: process knowledge of some different methods/methodologies in Politics and International Relations and related assumptions

ULO3: benefit from practical experience in designing a research proposal

ULO4: apply knowledge of concepts and terminologies applied in politics and

International Relations research

General Assessment Information

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 – and (b) no assignment will be accepted more than seven (7) days (incl. weekends) after the original submission deadline. No late submissions will be accepted for timed assessments – e.g. quizzes, online tests.

Note also that the convenor does not grant extension to any assessment based on special considerations (for example, illness). All requests for extension need to go through the Special Consideration procedure (see Special Consideration Policy under Policies and Procedures).

More information about each assessment task is available on the iLearn.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
weekly participation	10%	No	Each Week
Mid-semester Test	25%	No	21/04/2021
End of semester test	25%	No	04/06/2021
Research project proposal	40%	No	04/06/2021

weekly participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 20 hours

Due: **Each Week**

Weighting: **10%**

participation in weekly discussion/activities (for on campus or online offerings)

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- benefit from practical experience in designing a research proposal
- apply knowledge of concepts and terminologies applied in politics and International

Relations research

Mid-semester Test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 22 hours

Due: **21/04/2021**

Weighting: **25%**

Test on unit content to that point

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand aims and philosophical considerations underpinning academic research
- process knowledge of some different methods/methodologies in Politics and International Relations and related assumptions

End of semester test

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 22 hours

Due: **04/06/2021**

Weighting: **25%**

End of semester test.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand aims and philosophical considerations underpinning academic research
- process knowledge of some different methods/methodologies in Politics and International Relations and related assumptions
- benefit from practical experience in designing a research proposal

Research project proposal

Assessment Type ¹: Plan

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **04/06/2021**

Weighting: **40%**

Write a detailed research proposal

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand aims and philosophical considerations underpinning academic research
- process knowledge of some different methods/methodologies in Politics and International Relations and related assumptions
- benefit from practical experience in designing a research proposal

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

Teaching Methods/Mode of Delivery

There will be two hour lecture and one hour tutorial every week.

For access to materials and resources, please refer to iLearn.

Unit Schedule

POIR8040/S1/D ay/Lecture_1/01	Wednesday	1:00pm	3:00pm	2:00	9-1 4.1 7-23	Classes are online - consult iLearn for further detail	Research Methods in International Relations - Lecture
POIR8040/S1/D ay/Tutorial_1/02	Wednesday	4:00pm	5:00pm	1:00	9-1 4.1 7-23	Classes are online - consult iLearn for further detail	Research Methods in International Relations - Tutorial

The Topics will be available on the iLearn page.

Special Circumstances students: Students will have to attend the online class on zoom (4.00 to 5.00 pm)

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) (<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 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.