POIR8040

Research Methods in International Relations

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Macquarie School of Social Sciences

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General Information

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Credit points 10
Prerequisites Admission to MIntRel or MPPP or MPASR or GradCertPPP or PGDipIntRel or GradDipIntRel or MIntPubDip
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 – 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 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	25/04/2022
End of semester test	25%	No	30/05/2022
Research project proposal	40%	No	03/06/2022

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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Mid-semester Test

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task [2]: 22 hours
Due: **25/04/2022**
Weighting: **25%**

Test on unit content to that point

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End of semester test

Assessment Type [1]: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 22 hours
Due: **30/05/2022**
Weighting: **25%**

End of semester test.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- benefit from practical experience in designing a research proposal

Research project proposal

Assessment Type [1]: Plan
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **03/06/2022**
Weighting: **40%**

Write a detailed research proposal

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- benefit from practical experience in designing a research proposal

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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

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

Name	Day	Start	Finish	Duration	Weeks	Location	Notes	Staff
POIR8040/S1/F2F-DAY/Lecture_1/01	Monday	11:00am	1:00pm	2:00	9-15,18-23	10 Hadenfeld Ave - 212 Tutorial Rm	Research Methods in International Relations - Lecture	
POIR8040/S1/F2F-DAY/Lecture_1/02	Monday	11:00am	1:00pm	2:00	9-15,18-23	Classes are online - consult iLearn for further detail	Research Methods in International Relations - Lecture	
POIR8040/S1/F2F-DAY/Tutorial_1/01	Monday	1:00pm	2:00pm	1:00	9-15,18-23	10 Hadenfeld Ave - 212 Tutorial Rm	Research Methods in International Relations - Tutorial	

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
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution 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

Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the 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

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

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.