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International Relations Practice

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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 "practice" in international relations and its interplay with "International
Relations", the scholarly study of the field. An overarching form of practice is "foreign policy",
within which "diplomacy" is a key element. The unit also considers "espionage", "alliances",
"images", "status", "multilateralism", "activism", and some motives that influence international
practice. It draws on and extends knowledge from across the Master of International Relations
program and applies it to urgent and/or controversial themes. Assessment components
include weekly participation, a simulation (scenario) exercise involving role playing, an essay,
and an end of semester exam. This holistic and balanced range of tasks enables students to
(i) acquire and broaden specialist and general theoretical knowledge; (ii) 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
Participation in tutorials or online	10%	No	Ongoing
Scenario paper	25%	No	Week 6
3000 word research essay. Questions will be provided.	35%	No	Week 11
Take home exam	30%	No	Week 13

Participation in tutorials or online

Assessment Type [1]: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 13 hours
Due: **Ongoing**
Weighting: **10%**

Participation in tutorials or online

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Scenario paper

Assessment Type [1]: Simulation/role play
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 20 hours
Due: **Week 6**
Weighting: **25%**

External students write 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.

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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 [1]: Essay
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **Week 11**
Weighting: **35%**

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.

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Take home exam

Assessment Type [1]: Examination
Indicative Time on Task [2]: 40 hours
Due: **Week 13**
Weighting: **30%**

Take home exam covering key concepts and topics in the unit.

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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

Weekly lectures 1pm-2.30pm Wednesday. 14 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Ave - T3 Theatre. Lectures will be recorded and available on Echo360.

Seminar: 2.30pm-4pm. Wednesday.14 Sir Christopher Ondaatje Ave - T3 Theatre

Weekly readings will be available through ilearn.

Late Assessment Submission Penalty

*Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, **a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted**, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.*

*This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). **Late submission of time sensitive tasks** (such as tests/ exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) **will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.***

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policie s.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.