



# 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

### Late penalty text:

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.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#"><u>weekly participation</u></a>	10%	No	Each Week
<a href="#"><u>Mid-semester Test</u></a>	25%	No	week 7
<a href="#"><u>End of semester test</u></a>	25%	No	week 12
<a href="#"><u>Research project proposal</u></a>	40%	No	week 13

### weekly participation

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 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 <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 22 hours

Due: **week 7**

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

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 22 hours

Due: **week 12**

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 <sup>1</sup>: Plan

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

Due: **week 13**

Weighting: **40%**

Write a detailed research proposal

On successful completion you will be able to:

- understand aims and philosophical considerations underpinning academic research
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- benefit from practical experience in designing a research proposal

<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

### Teaching Methods/Mode of Delivery

**PLEASE NOTE:**

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

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

## Unit Schedule

<a href="#">POIR8040/S1/F2F-DA Y/Lecture 1/01</a>	Monday	3:00pm	4:00pm	1:00	<a href="#">8-1</a> <a href="#">4,1</a> <a href="#">7-22</a>	<a href="#">11 Wallys Wlk - 14</a> <a href="#">0 Tutorial Rm</a>	Research Methods in International Relations - Lecture
<a href="#">POIR8040/S1/F2F-DA Y/Tutorial 1/01</a>	Monday	4:00pm	6:00pm	2:00	<a href="#">8-1</a> <a href="#">4,1</a> <a href="#">7-22</a>	<a href="#">11 Wallys Wlk - 14</a> <a href="#">0 Tutorial Rm</a>	Research Methods in International Relations - Tutorial

## 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](#)
- [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) (<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](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto: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 Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

## 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/](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.