



POIR8070

International Relations Practice

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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 “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. The unit 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

General Assessment Information

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-time 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 |
|--|-----------|--------|------------|
| Role play & scenario paper | 40% | No | 2024-10-21 |
| Participation | 10% | No | Weekly |
| Take home exam | 50% | No | 2024-10-30 |

Role play & scenario paper

Assessment Type ¹: Simulation/role play

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **2024-10-21**

Weighting: **40%**

Students will be assigned an actor who they will represent in a scenario. Through research in the preceding weeks, students will write a paper that identifies the position/s their actor is likely to take. Skills in argumentation and communication, as well as background knowledge, will be tested in the role playing forum.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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- 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

Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 13 hours

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **10%**

Participation in tutorials or online

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Take home exam

Assessment Type ¹: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task ²: 58 hours

Due: **2024-10-30**

Weighting: **50%**

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: 4 pm-5.30 pm Wednesday, 11 Wallys Walk – 180 Tutorial Room

Seminar: 5:30 pm-7 pm. Wednesday, 11 Wallys Walk – 180 Tutorial Room

Weekly readings will be available through Leganto

Unit Schedule

TBC

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 connect.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 Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via the [Service Connect Portal](#), 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.

Unit information based on version 2024.04 of the [Handbook](#)