

### PO 4018 International Relations

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#### Aims and Objectives

This module is a second year undergraduate course in which the study of International Relations is introduced. Whilst the course provides an overview of the subject, some of the literature will allow students to engage in more complex discussions that will be highly useful for future study. The module will be divided up into two one-hour lectures per week, and one tutorial. It is very important to attend the tutorials and in case you are unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness we encourage you to keep us informed. We are available during the office hours mentioned as also over the email.



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The course will provide an overview of some of the theoretical debates and issues that have underpinned the study of International Relations (IR). Theoretical perspectives such as ‘Realism’, ‘Liberalism’, ‘Structuralism’, ‘Critical Theory’, ‘Constructivism’, ‘Post Modernism’ and ‘Feminism’ will be introduced. These theoretical approaches will allow students to apply them to the arena of world politics and to processes and concepts such as the interactions of states, power, war, security, peace, the workings of international organisation and the global economy.

#### Core Readings

Baylis, J. and Smith, S., Owens, P (2014) *The Globalisation of World Politics*, Second Edition, Oxford: OUP

Brown, C., (2005) *Understanding International Relations*, third edition, Palgrave: Basingstoke.

Mingst, K. and Arreguin-Toft, M. (2014) *Essentials of International Relations*, Norton