

Course Specification

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Core Information

Awarding Body / Institution:	University of Wolverhampton		
School / Institute:	School of Social Sciences and Humanities		
Course Code(s):	IR004H01UM Full-time 3 Years IR004H31UM Part-time 6 Years		
Course Title:	BA(Hons) Politics and Internation	al Relations	
Hierarchy of Awards:	Bachelor of Arts with Honours Bachelor of Arts Diploma of Higher Education Certificate of Higher Education		
Language of Study:	English		
Date of DAG approval:	17/Mar/2022		
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Course Specification valid to:	2027/8		

Academic Staff

Course Leader:	Dr Alan Apperley

Head of Department:

Course Information

Location of Delivery:	University of Wolverhampton
Category of Partnership:	Not delivered in partnership
Teaching Institution:	University of Wolverhampton
Open / Closed Course:	This course is open to all suitably qualified candidates.

Entry Requirements:

Entry requirements are subject to regular review. The entry requirements applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website (and externally as appropriate e.g. UCAS

Entry requirements are determined by the faculty and published on the university website for each academic year. Typical entry requirements: • 96-112 UCAS points with a minimum of 72 points from at least two A-Levels • BTEC QCF Extended Diploma grade MMM, BTEC QCF Diploma grade DD • Access to HE Diploma full award (Pass of 60 credits - of which a minimum of 45 credits must be at level 3 including 18 at Merit or Distinction) English Language requirements are normally IELTS 6.0 equivalent with a minimum of 5.5 in each area (unless otherwise stated) or equivalent accepted qualification https://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/international-academy/english-at-the-international-academy/language-entry-requirements/ We accept the Wolverhampton English Proficiency Exam (WEPE), our own exam for candidates. Please see

https://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/international-academy/english-at-the-international-academy/english-language-pathway-courses/wolverhampton-english-proficiency-examination-we/ If you do not have the level of English required, you can also do our Presessional. See https://www.wlv.ac.uk/international/international-academy/english-at-the-international-academy/english-language-pathway-courses/english-language-presessional-courses/

Distinctive Features of the Course:

Politics today is shaped not only by domestic issues, but perhaps more importantly by a range of international and global issues that even the most inward-looking States can't ignore. From migration, through the trafficking of people and drugs, to international crime and terrorism, and on to the climate crisis, the study of Politics and International Relations takes us to the heart of issues that are reshaping our world. But addressing these issues is not only a task for politicians and States, important as these may be, and so here at Wolverhampton we also explore the many local, regional and international organisations that work together with States to find sustainable solutions to these global issues. Studying Politics and International Relations at Wolverhampton offers you an opportunity not only to engage with a wide range of current concerns facing the international community, but also encourages you to explore how you might make a difference in shaping a response to these issues. To this end, our curriculum not only provides you with conceptual and intellectual tools that will help you to better understand how international relations work, but also provides you with the knowledge and skills required to engage with those organisations and institutions – political and non-political - that work in the field of international problem-solving. In this regard, your Sandwich Placement year will provide you with a valuable opportunity to gain practical experience of working within and for a company or organisation connected with the fields of Politics and International Relations. Although your programme of study will help you to develop and refine key subject-specific skills geared towards academic success your Sandwich Placement will give you first-hand experience of how professional organisations work to achieve their goals. You will not only gain valuable practical experience of working in a professional environment, but will also build valuable contacts while developing an experience-based skillset that future employers will value.

Educational Aims of the Course:

Politics is about making a difference, but in today's world some of the most important issues we face require citizens, states, regional and international organisations to work together to find viable and sustainable

solutions. The study of Politics and International Relations at Wolverhampton explores not only the ways in which politicians, parties, organisations and institutions interact in their attempts to solve international problems, but also what role we as citizens in a globalised world might play in tackling these issues. To assist you in this task, we provide a learning environment that combines digital spaces with in-class, face-to-face teaching in the form of lectures, seminars, workshops and individual tutorials. In these activities, and in the assessed work you produce for us, you will develop your ability to gather, interpret, evaluate and think critically about a range of sources. You will also refine your ability to communicate your findings using a variety of media in writing, verbally and visually. These skills are not only essential for your academic work, but are also much in demand in the world of graduate employment. These essential skills will be developed and refined at length during your placement year in which you will engage with an external organisation working in the field of politics and international relations. During this placement, you will have an opportunity to gain valuable insight into how organisations negotiate the boundaries between issues and policies at the local, regional and international level. Working closely with your placement liaison and academic supervisors, you will produce a fully-researched report that will enable you to put your academic knowledge and skills to practical effect, to the benefit of your host organisation. Engagement with the world outside academia is not only encouraged by the placement year, however. Modules such as Volunteering in Action and Community Engagement and Social Change actively encourage you to explore Politics and International Relations not only as an academic subject, but as one that aims to enhance your understanding of the possibilities for shaping solutions, not just at the political level, but also in your individual capacity as a Global Citizen. To this end, and throughout the course, we will encourage you to develop your own specific interests in relation to political issues in international space, pursuing these through case studies and selfdirected research tasks, to become a confident and independent researcher prepared for either graduate employment or post-graduate work, should you choose to continue your studies at Masters level.

Intakes:
September
Major Source of Funding:
Office for Students (OFS)
Tuition Fees:

Tuition fees are reviewed on an annual basis. The fees applicable to a particular academic year will be published on the University website.

Year	Status	Mode	Amount
2020/1	Н	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2020/1	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12250.00
2020/1	Н	Part Time	£3050.00
2020/1	Overseas	Part Time	£6125.00
2021/2	Н	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2021/2	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£12950.00
2021/2	Н	Part Time	£3100.00
2022/3	Н	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2022/3	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£13450.00
2022/3	Н	Part Time	£3120.00
2023/4	Н	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2023/4	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£14450.00
2023/4	Н	Part Time	£4625
2024/5	Н	Full Time / Sandwich	£9250.00
2024/5	Overseas	Full Time / Sandwich	£14950.00
2024/5	Н	Part Time	£4625.00

PSRB:

None

Course Structure:

January (Full-time)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
4HS005	Britain and the World	20	SEM2	Core
4IR002	Current Issues in International Relations	20	SEM2	Core
4WR002	Thinking About War and Peace	20	SEM2	Core

January (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
4HS004	Europe and the Americas, 1776-1914	20	SEM1	Core
4IR001	Introduction to International Relations	20	SEM1	Core
4PO008	Issues in Contemporary British Politics	20	SEM1	Core

January (Full-time)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Туре
5HS014	Research in Action	20	SEM2	Core
5IR002	World Politics	20	SEM2	Core

Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

5SA017	Community Engagement and Social Change	20	SEM2
5SL008	Volunteering in Action	20	SEM2

January (Full-time)

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Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
5PO003	Contemporary Political Ideologies	20	SEM1	Core

Group 01 | Min Value: 40 | Max Value: 40

5WR011	Popular Culture and War: Literature, the Press, Films and Games	20	SEM1
5HS001	America and the Cold War, 1947-91	20	SEM1
5WR010	From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict	20	SEM1
5IR001	Disputes, Debates and Diplomacy in International Relations	20	SEM1

January (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6IR002	Sustainable Development and International Relations	20	SEM2	Core

Linked Option Group Rule: Select a minimum of 40 credits and a maximum of 40 credits from the linked (*) groups.

*Group 01 | Min Value: 0 | Max Value: 20

You must select one project/Independent Study module at Level 6. You are advised to study this in your final semester.

6IR004	Independent Study - Written Project	20	SEM2

*Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 40

Select TWO option modules, unless you are undertaking a Project/Independent Study module this semester, in which case select ONE option module from this group.

6HS001	Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower	20	SEM2
6PO008	India in a Global World	20	SEM2
6SL016	Nations and Nationalism	20	SEM2

January (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Type
6PO009	Political Concepts and their use	20	SEM1	Core

Linked Option Group Rule: Select a minimum of 40 credits and a maximum of 40 credits from the linked (*) groups.

*Group 01 | Min Value: 0 | Max Value: 20

You must select one project/Independent Study module at Level 6. You are advised to study this in your final semester.

6IR003	Independent Study - Written Project	20	SEM1	

*Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 40

Select ONE option module if you are also undertaking a Project/Independent Study module this semester. If you undertook your Project/Independent Study module last semester, then select TWO option modules from this group.

6IR001	The Rise of Asia in International Politics	20	SEM1
6SA010	International NGO's, Policymaking and Change	20	SEM1
6PO010	Contemporary Global Issues	20	SEM1

September (Full-time)

Part time students study alongside full time students. However, they do not study more than 80 credits in each academic calendar year.

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Туре
4HS004	Europe and the Americas, 1776-1914	20	SEM1	Core
4HS005	Britain and the World	20	SEM2	Core
4IR001	Introduction to International Relations	20	SEM1	Core
4IR002	Current Issues in International Relations	20	SEM2	Core
4PO008	Issues in Contemporary British Politics	20	SEM1	Core
4WR002	Thinking About War and Peace	20	SEM2	Core

Continuing students will follow the programme indicated below:

September (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Туре
5HS014	Research in Action	20	SEM2	Core
5IR002	World Politics	20	SEM2	Core
5PO003	Contemporary Political Ideologies	20	SEM1	Core

Group 01 | Min Value: 40 | Max Value: 40

5HS001 America and the Cold War, 1947-91 20 SEM1 5WR010 From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict 20 SEM1 5IR001 Disputes, Debates and Diplomacy in International Relations 20 SEM1	5WR011	Popular Culture and War: Literature, the Press, Films and Games	20	SEM1	
	5HS001	America and the Cold War, 1947-91	20	SEM1	
5IR001 Disputes, Debates and Diplomacy in International Relations 20 SEM1	5WR010	From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict	20	SEM1	
	5IR001	Disputes, Debates and Diplomacy in International Relations	20	SEM1	

Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 20

5SA017	Community Engagement and Social Change	20	SEM2
5SL008	Volunteering in Action	20	SEM2

September (Full-time)

Module	Title	Credits	Period	Туре
6IR002	Sustainable Development and International Relations	20	SEM2	Core
6PO009	Political Concepts and their use	20	SEM1	Core

Linked Option Group Rule: Select a minimum of 20 credits and a maximum of 20 credits from the linked (*) groups.

*Group 01 | Min Value: 0 | Max Value: 20

You must select one project/Independent Study module at Level 6. You are advised to study this in your final semester (semester 2)

6IR003	Independent Study - Written Project	20	SEM1	

*Group 01 | Min Value: 0 | Max Value: 20

You must select one project/Independent Study module at Level 6. You are advised to study this in your final semester (semester 2)

	6IR004	Independent Study - Written Project	20	SEM2	
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Linked Option Group Rule: Select a minimum of 60 credits and a maximum of 60 credits from the linked (*) groups.

*Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 40

Select 2 option modules, unless you are undertaking a Project/Independent Study module this semester, in which case select 1 option module from this group.

6IR001	The Rise of Asia in International Politics	20	SEM1	
6SA010	International NGO's, Policymaking and Change	20	SEM1	
6PO010	Contemporary Global Issues	20	SEM1	

*Group 01 | Min Value: 20 | Max Value: 40

Select 2 option modules, unless you are undertaking a Project/Independent Study module this semester, in which case select 1 option module from this group.

6HS001	Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower	20	SEM2
6PO008	India in a Global World	20	SEM2
6SL016	Nations and Nationalism	20	SEM2

Please note: Optional modules might not run every year, the course team will decide on an annual basis which

options will be running, based on student demand and academic factors, to create the best learning experience.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment

Academic Regulations Exemption:

Reference Points:

Overview of Assessment:

Learning Outcomes	Modules
CERTHE01 Demonstrate knowledge of the underlying concepts and principles associated with your area(s) of study, and an ability to evaluate and interpret these within the context of that area of study	4HS004 Europe and the Americas, 1776-1914 4HS005 Britain and the World 4IR001 Introduction to International Relations 4IR002 Current Issues in International Relations 4PO008 Issues in Contemporary British Politics 4WR002 Thinking About War and Peace
CERTHE02 Demonstrate an ability to present, evaluate and interpret qualitative and quantitative data, in order to develop lines of argument and make sound judgements in accordance with basic theories and concepts of your subject(s) of study.	4HS004 Europe and the Americas, 1776-1914 4HS005 Britain and the World 4PO008 Issues in Contemporary British Politics
CERTHE03 Evaluate the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems related to your area(s) of study and/or work	4IR001 Introduction to International Relations 4IR002 Current Issues in International Relations 4P0008 Issues in Contemporary British Politics 4WR002 Thinking About War and Peace
CERTHE04 Communicate the results of your study/work accurately and reliably, and with structured and coherent arguments	4HS004 Europe and the Americas, 1776-1914 4HS005 Britain and the World 4IR001 Introduction to International Relations 4IR002 Current Issues in International Relations 4PO008 Issues in Contemporary British Politics 4WR002 Thinking About War and Peace
CERTHE05 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment requiring the exercise of some personal responsibility	4HS004 Europe and the Americas, 1776-1914 4HS005 Britain and the World 4IR001 Introduction to International Relations 4IR002 Current Issues in International Relations 4WR002 Thinking About War and Peace
DIPHE01 Demonstrate knowledge and critical understanding of the well-established principles of your area(s) of study, and of the way in which those principles have developed with an understanding of the limits of your knowledge, and how this influences analyses and interpretations based on that knowledge.	5HS013 Campaigning and Citizenship: Women's Activism, 1790s-1970s 5HS014 Research in Action 5IR002 World Politics 5SA017 Community Engagement and Social Change 5WR010 From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict 5HS013 Campaigning and Citizenship: Women's Activism, 1790s-1970s 5HS014 Research in Action 5IR002 World Politics 5IR003 International Relations Sandwich Placement 5SA017 Community Engagement and Social Change 5WR010 From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict
DIPHE02 Demonstrate the ability to apply underlying concepts and principles outside the context in which they were first studied, including, where appropriate, the	5HS014 Research in Action 5PO003 Contemporary Political Ideologies 5SA017 Community Engagement and Social Change

application of those principles in an employment context.	Module's SWR007 Political Violence SWR010 From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict SHS014 Research in Action SIR003 International Relations Sandwich Placement SP0003 Contemporary Political Ideologies SSA017 Community Engagement and Social Change SSL008 Volunteering in Action SWR007 Political Violence SWR010 From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict
DIPHE03 Demonstrate knowledge of the main methods of enquiry in the subject(s) relevant to the named award, and ability to evaluate critically the appropriateness of different approaches to solving problems in the field of study.	5HS013 Campaigning and Citizenship: Women's Activism, 1790s-1970s 5HS014 Research in Action 5IR002 World Politics 5IR003 International Relations Sandwich Placement 5SA017 Community Engagement and Social Change 5SL008 Volunteering in Action 5WR007 Political Violence
DIPHE04 Use a range of established techniques to initiate and undertake critical analysis of information, and to propose solutions to problems arising from that analysis.	5HS013 Campaigning and Citizenship: Women's Activism, 1790s-1970s 5IR002 World Politics 5IR003 International Relations Sandwich Placement 5P0003 Contemporary Political Ideologies 5SA017 Community Engagement and Social Change 5SL008 Volunteering in Action 5WR010 From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict
DIPHE05 Effectively communicate information, arguments and analysis in a variety of forms to specialist and non-specialist audiences, and deploy key techniques of the discipline effectively.	5HS013 Campaigning and Citizenship: Women's Activism, 1790s-1970s 5HS014 Research in Action 5IR003 International Relations Sandwich Placement 5SA017 Community Engagement and Social Change 5SL008 Volunteering in Action 5WR007 Political Violence
DIPHE06 Demonstrate the qualities and transferable skills necessary for employment, requiring the exercise of personal responsibility and decision-making and undertake further training, developing existing skills and acquire new competences that will enable them to assume significant responsibility within organisations.	5HS014 Research in Action 5IR002 World Politics 5IR003 International Relations Sandwich Placement 5SA017 Community Engagement and Social Change 5SL008 Volunteering in Action 5WR007 Political Violence 5WR010 From Inter to Intranational? The Changing Nature of War and Conflict
BHONSN01 Demonstrate an ability to identify and critically compare different concepts, theories and methodologies employed in the study of both Politics and International Relations	6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower 6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics 6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations 6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project 6PO004 Project (Politics) 6PO005 Security and Integration in the New Europe
BHONSN02 Demonstrate proficiency in the generic transferable and subject-specific skills used in the study of Politics and International Relations	6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower 6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics 6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations 6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project 6PO004 Project (Politics) 6PO005 Security and Integration in the New Europe 6PO008 India in a Global World 6PO009 Political Concepts and their use 6PO010 Contemporary Global Issues

Learning Outcomes

BHONSN03 Show understanding of the relevance of political institutions at local, national, regional and international level to the origins, framing and attempted resolution of contemporary political issues

6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower 6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations

6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project

6PO004 Project (Politics) 6PO008 India in a Global World 6PO010 Contemporary Global Issues

BHONSN04 Identify and critically evaluate the role of a variety of political actors (e.g. parties, pressure groups, lobby groups, activist movements, and citizens) in relation to the shaping of problems and solutions in the fields of Politics and International Relations

6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations

6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project

6PO004 Project (Politics)
6PO008 India in a Global World
6PO010 Contemporary Global Issues
6SL016 Nations and Nationalism

BHONSN05 Demonstrate an ability to employ appropriate technologies in a digitally literate way to support research, process data and produce written work and presentational material

6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower 6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations

6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project

6PO004 Project (Politics)

6PO005 Security and Integration in the New Europe

6PO008 India in a Global World 6PO009 Political Concepts and their use 6PO010 Contemporary Global Issues 6SL016 Nations and Nationalism

BHONSN06 Show understanding of your own role and ethical responsibilities as an active Global Citizen in relation to a variety of practical political policy issues at local, national, regional and international level

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations

6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project

6PO004 Project (Politics)
6PO005 Security and Integration in the New Europe

BHONS01 Demonstrate an ability to identify and critically compare different concepts, theories and methodologies employed in the study of both Politics and International Relations and relate these to actual case studies drawn from IR

6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower 6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations

6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project

6PO004 Project (Politics)

6PO005 Security and Integration in the New Europe

BHONS02 Demonstrate a high level of proficiency in the generic transferable and subject-specific skills used in the study of Politics and International Relations and exercise critical judgement in their deployment

6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower 6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations

6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project

6PO004 Project (Politics)

6PO005 Security and Integration in the New Europe

6PO008 India in a Global World

6PO009 Political Concepts and their use 6PO010 Contemporary Global Issues 6SL016 Nations and Nationalism

BHONS03 Clearly articulate a critical understanding of the relevance of political institutions at local, national, regional and international level to the origins, framing and attempted resolution of a range of contemporary political issues and of the strengths and limitations of these institutions

6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower 6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations

6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project

6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project

6PO004 Project (Politics) 6PO008 India in a Global World 6PO010 Contemporary Global Issues **Bétonsing Oderntify eas** d critically evaluate the role of a variety of political and non-political actors (e.g. parties, pressure groups, lobby groups, activist movements, and citizens) in relation to the shaping of problems and solutions in the fields of Politics and International Relations and of the strengths and limitations of these actors

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6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations
6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project
6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project
6P0004 Project (Politics)
6P0008 India in a Global World
6P0010 Contemporary Global Issues
6SL016 Nations and Nationalism

BHONS05 Demonstrate an ability to employ appropriate technologies in relation to a range of platforms in digitally literate, enterprising and creative ways to support research, process data and produce written work and presentational material to a high quality

6HS001 Modern America: The Rise of a Superpower
6IR001 The Rise of Asia in International Politics
6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations
6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project
6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project
6PO004 Project (Politics)
6PO005 Security and Integration in the New Europe
6PO008 India in a Global World

6PO008 India in a Global World
6PO009 Political Concepts and their use
6PO010 Contemporary Global Issues
6SL016 Nations and Nationalism

BHONS06 Develop and refine your understanding of your own role and ethical responsibilities as an active Global Citizen in relation to a variety of practical political policy issues at local, national, regional and international level

6IR002 Sustainable Development and International Relations 6IR003 Independent Study - Written Project 6IR004 Independent Study - Written Project 6P0004 Project (Politics) 6P0005 Security and Integration in the New Europe

Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

Assessment Methods:

At the University of Wolverhampton, a variety of modes of assessment will be used to support and test your learning and progress and to help you develop capabilities that are valued beyond your University studies and into your working life. Your course may include a variety of assessment activities:

Written examinations (including online examinations, open and closed book examinations and quizzes)
Coursework (for example, essays, reports, portfolios, project proposals and briefs, CVs, poster presentation)
Practical (for example, oral and video presentations, laboratory work, performances, practical skills assessment)

In the final year of your undergraduate degree, and at the end of your postgraduate degree, you are likely to be expected to write an extended piece of work or research, such as a dissertation or a practice-based piece of research.

Student Support:

Employability in the Curriculum:



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