



COURSE DESCRIPTOR

UFP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

International Relations is a very popular Foundation course because it allows students to acquire the skills to research, analyse data, think critically, and develop solutions – all skills that are necessary for a successful journey through university. It takes a holistic approach to the subject by focusing on the interdisciplinary nature of global politics. International relations requires students to engage with theories and concepts to analyse and understand contemporary political issues and events that are relevant to today's world.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in global events and international issues is essential, along with curiosity about the today's world, and interest in research and problem solving.
GCSE or equivalent
IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1
Unit 1 – Theories and Concepts
Unit 2 – Global Political Issues

ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.

Grades are determined by five components internally assessed: two coursework components, a controlled assessment, a portfolio of short essays, and a final exam to take place at the end of the course.

Component	Type and length	Weighting
Coursework 1	Article review – Max 500 words (10 marks) Individual Presentation (5 marks)	15% of the final grade
Coursework 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending MUN conference and complementary research folder (10 marks) • 1000-1500 word written report (20 marks) 	15% of the final grade
Controlled Assessment	2 hours (40 marks) Written exam	40% of the final grade
Extended Essay	Research question and final essay Part One (draft) (15 marks) Research question and final essay Part Two (final version) (15 marks)	30% of the final grade



TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Global Politics	978-1403989826	Andrew Heywood

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.

HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

International Relations requires analysis of evidence, decision-making and effective communication, all skills which are highly valued by universities and employers. This subject is popular with students who wish to read any of the human and social sciences at university and enter careers in a range of industries, including Law, Politics, International Relations, Psychology, Marketing, Environmental Policy and Business Management.

COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS OF STUDY

History, Psychology; Sociology.

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