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CANTERBURY

# COURSE DESCRIPTOR

## UFP INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### SUBJECT OVERVIEW

International Relations is a very popular Foundation course that allows students to acquire the essential skills of research, analysis, thinking critically, and developing solutions – all of which are necessary for a successful journey through university. The course 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 |
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| **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 |
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| Coursework 1 | Article review – Max 500 words (10 marks)<br>Individual Presentation (5 marks) | 15% of the final grade |
| Coursework 2 | • Attending MUN conference and complementary research folder (10 marks)<br>• 1000-1500 word written report (20 marks) | 15% of the final grade |
| Controlled Assessment | 2 hours (40 marks)<br>Written exam | 40% of the final grade |
| Extended Essay | Research question and final essay Part One (draft) (15 marks)<br><br>Research question and final essay Part Two (final version) (15 marks) | 30% of the final grade |

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## 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.

## CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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