

# PO231-15 International Security

**20/21**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 2

**Module leader**

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**Credit value**

15

**Module duration**

10 weeks

**Assessment**

100% coursework

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

Security concerns play a dominant role in world politics alike. From traditional concerns about the use of military force to new threats such as poverty, climate change, and cyber-attacks, security issues, occupy a prime-spot on the policy agendas of states, international organisations, and civil society actors.

This module provides a comprehensive introduction to theories, concepts, and practices of international security. It introduces students to the study of strategy and warfare, debates about the meaning and scope of security, and key security actors, institutions, and mechanisms in world politics. Simultaneously, we reflect on how we might think about security differently.

### Module aims

The principal aims of this module are:

- To provide students with a comprehensive guide to debates about the meaning of security in international relations.
- To familiarise students with key issues surrounding the use and threat of force in international politics.
- To critically analyse a series of 'new' security challenges fundamental for understanding the

contemporary security environment and agenda.

- To facilitate research-based examination of security issues, actors and dynamics.

## Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

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## Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an appreciation of the key concepts and theoretical debates in international political economy
- Critically evaluate the merits of competing explanations and theoretical perspectives in accounting for developments in contemporary political economy
- Explore the relationships between states and markets through a study of key theories and issues in political economy
- Apply political economy insights to analyse particular themes and cases
- Demonstrate good written and oral communication skills
- Demonstrate good investigative and retrieval skills, including familiarity with information technology

## Indicative reading list

Term 1: <https://rl.talis.com/3/warwick/lists/3FAE0073-0721-4BEB-E42A-B2A1BC929B0C.html>

Term 2: <https://rl.talis.com/3/warwick/lists/1F86B72F-9251-6ADA-FEAE-ED495C765388.html>

[View reading list on Talis Aspire](#)

## Subject specific skills

TBC

## Transferable skills

TBC

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## Study

## Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	9 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Private study	132 hours (88%)
Total	150 hours

## Private study description

TBC

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

### Assessment group A1

	Weighting	Study time	Eligible for self-certification
<b>Assessment component</b>			
3000 Word Essay	100%		Yes (extension)
2,500 word essay			

Reassessment component is the same

## Feedback on assessment

Essays are marked according to criteria set out in the Undergraduate Handbook.

## Availability

## Courses

This module is Core optional for:

- UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies

- Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
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This module is Optional for:

- UECA-3 Undergraduate Economics 3 Year Variants
  - Year 2 of L100 Economics
  - Year 2 of L100 Economics
  - Year 2 of L100 Economics
  - Year 2 of L116 Economics and Industrial Organization
  - Year 2 of L116 Economics and Industrial Organization
- UECA-4 Undergraduate Economics 4 Year Variants
  - Year 2 of LV16 Economics & Economic History with Study Abroad
  - Year 2 of LV15 Economics & Economic History with Study in Europe
  - Year 2 of L117 Economics and Industrial Organisation with Study Abroad
  - Year 2 of L103 Economics with Study Abroad
  - Year 2 of L102 Economics with Study in Europe
  - Year 2 of LM1H Economics, Politics & International Studies with Study Abroad
  - Year 2 of LM1H Economics, Politics & International Studies with Study Abroad
  - Year 2 of LM1E Economics, Politics & International Studies with Study in Europe
  - Year 2 of L113 Industrial Economics with European Studies
  - Year 2 of L115 Industrial Economics with Study Abroad
  - Year 2 of L114 Industrial Economics with Study in Europe
- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 2 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
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  - Year 2 of VM11 History and Politics
- Year 2 of UETA-X3Q5 Undergraduate Language, Culture and Communication
- Year 2 of UETA-X3Q6 Undergraduate Language, Culture and Communication (with Year Abroad)
- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 2 of V7MR Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite with Economics Major)
  - Year 2 of V7MR Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite with Economics Major)
  - Year 2 of V7MP Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite)
  - Year 2 of V7MP Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Bipartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 2 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
- Year 2 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics
- UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies

- Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 2 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- Year 2 of UPOA-M160 Undergraduate Politics with International Studies
- UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
  - Year 2 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
  - Year 3 of M163 Politics, International Studies and French
- UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 2 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
  - Year 3 of M164 Politics, International Studies and German
- UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 2 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
  - Year 3 of M166 Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 2 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian
  - Year 3 of M165 Politics, International Studies and Italian
- Year 2 of UPOA-M162 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods