

# PO131-30 World Politics

**24/25**

**Department**

Politics & International Studies

**Level**

Undergraduate Level 1

**Module leader**

Iain Pirie

**Credit value**

30

**Module duration**

22 weeks

**Assessment**

40% coursework, 60% exam

**Study location**

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

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## Description

### Introductory description

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### Module aims

The module aims to: \*Provide students with an introductory overview of politics at the international level; \*Introduce students to the concepts, issues and structure of the international political system, along with its complexity and continuing evolution; \*Locate the theoretical debates on the nature of the international political system within contemporary world politics; \*Locate contemporary concepts and issues of global politics within the international historical narrative

### 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.

TBC

### Learning outcomes

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

- To become familiar with the major characteristics of world politics, as developed by scholars of international relations.
- To acquire an understanding of the history of post-1945 world politics.
- To acquire an awareness of some of the core concepts used in the study of world politics.
- To be familiar with a range of contemporary scholarly literature on issues and problems in world politics.
- To be able to critically analyse ideas about world politics, both orally and in writing.

## Indicative reading list

TBC

## Subject specific skills

TBC

## Transferable skills

The module provides students with opportunities to acquire or develop the following:

Written communication skills

Oral communication skills

Skills of interpretation and the critical analysis of sources

Awareness and sensitivity to diversity (in terms of people, cultures) and the ability to understand unfamiliar ideas and ways of thinking

Ability to digest, retain and apply complex information and ideas

Ability to reference work appropriately

Time management skills and the ability to meet deadlines

The ability to reflect critically on what you have learned

## Study

### Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	22 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Seminars	22 sessions of 1 hour (7%)
Private study	256 hours (85%)
Total	300 hours

### Private study description

TBA

## Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

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## Assessment

You must pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

### Assessment group D1

	Weighting	Study time
Essay 2000 words	40%	
Online Examination	60%	
2 Hour Exam (Summer)		

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- Online examination: No Answerbook required

### Feedback on assessment

Essay feedback will be returned within 20 working days of essay submission Formative and summative feedback will be provided in accordance with standard PAIS practice.

[Past exam papers for PO131](#)

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## Availability

### Courses

This module is Core for:

- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 1 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 1 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- UHIA-VM11 Undergraduate History and Politics
  - Year 1 of VM11 History and Politics
  - Year 1 of VM11 History and Politics
  - Year 1 of VM11 History and Politics
- Year 1 of UPOA-M100 Undergraduate Politics

- UPOA-M16A Undergraduate Politics and International Studies
  - Year 1 of M16A Politics and International Studies
  - Year 1 of M16A Politics and International Studies
  - Year 1 of M16A Politics and International Studies
- Year 1 of UPOA-M168 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese
- Year 1 of UPOA-M169 Undergraduate Politics and International Studies with Chinese (3 year)
- Year 1 of UPOA-ML13 Undergraduate Politics and Sociology
- Year 1 of UPOA-M163 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and French
- Year 1 of UPOA-M164 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and German
- Year 1 of UIPA-L2L8 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Global Sustainable Development
- Year 1 of UPOA-M166 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Hispanic Studies
- Year 1 of UPOA-M165 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Italian
- Year 1 of UPOA-M162 Undergraduate Politics, International Studies and Quantitative Methods

This module is Optional for:

- UECA-LM1D Undergraduate Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 1 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
  - Year 1 of LM1D Economics, Politics and International Studies
- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)

This module is Unusual option for:

- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)

This module is Option list A for:

- UPHA-V7ML Undergraduate Philosophy, Politics and Economics
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)
  - Year 1 of V7ML Philosophy, Politics and Economics (Tripartite)

This module is Option list B for:

- USOA-L301 BA in Sociology
  - Year 1 of L305 Sociology with Specialism in Cultural Studies
  - Year 1 of L303 Sociology with Specialism in Gender Studies
  - Year 1 of L304 Sociology with Specialism in Research Methods
  - Year 1 of L302 Sociology with Specialism in Social Policy