

Module code	INR416	Level	4
Module title	Global Politics: Contest for Supremacy	Credit value	20
Common/Core/Elective	Core	ECTS Credits	10
		Notional learning hours	200
Courses on which the module is taught	BA (Hons) International Relations	Teaching Period	Autumn

1. Module description

The extent of globalisation requires an exploration of international politics to develop an understanding of current issues such as war, diplomacy, justice, and sustainability. This module will examine contemporary nations, regimes and the global contest for supremacy, exploring solutions to critical questions to evaluate a range of models for the international order the nation and the state. You will develop an interdisciplinary understanding of global politics, through examining case studies from global history. By critically engaging with a range of perspectives, you will gain experience presenting a convincing argument, utilising contemporary history and relevant theoretical approaches.

2. Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module you will be able to:

Communication (MLO 05)

Communicate your arguments/reasoning, both orally and in writing in multicultural and/or international settings within familiar and well-defined contexts in global politics.

Discipline Knowledge (MLO 08)

Use established discipline-specific knowledge, techniques and tools within international relations and global politics to explore different approaches to the international order.

Interdisciplinary Perspectives (MLO 09)

Identify and contrast perspectives from international relations, politics, law and wider social sciences in global political scenarios.

3. Learning and teaching methods

Micro-lectures, debates and discussions will form the basis of most class activities. Independent learning will also be essential to your developing analysis of global politics. Critical thinking will be encouraged and developed as a skill to be used for the rest of your studies. Diversity will be used to advance the understanding of global issues from different viewpoints. National interest and global developments will be examined by observing empirical examples and developing practical skills.

Learning hours	
Directed learning	48 hours
Workshops/classes	48
Guided/Self-guided learning	152 hours
Total	200

4. Assessment, formative feedback and relative weightings

Assessment 1: Presentation

Weight (%): 50

Word Count or Equivalent: 10 minutes

You will prepare and deliver a presentation in which you take the role of a country presenting its current status on a particular theme in global politics to an international institution (for example UN, G20, World Bank or a large INGO). The theme will be of your choice from within the module, agreed with your tutor.

Assessment 2: Essay

Weight (%): 50

Word Count or Equivalent: 1500 words.

You will submit an essay, answering one of a range of essay questions based on topics covered in the module. You will demonstrate your awareness of public debates surrounding the chosen topic, from a range of perspectives.

Each summative assessment will be preceded by an opportunity for formative assessment accompanied by formative feedback.

Mapping of assessment tasks for the module

Assessment tasks	LO5	LO8	LO9
Presentation	x	x	
Essay	x		x

5. Indicative resources

Baylis, J., Smith, S., and Owens, P. (Eds.). (2020). *The Globalization of World Politics* (8th ed.). Oxford University Press.

Eichengreen, Barry (2018). *The Populist Temptation: Economic Grievance and Political Temptation in the Modern Era*. London: Oxford University Press.

Brown, Chris. (2019) *Understanding International Relations*, Fifth Edition. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

Edkins, Jenny and Zehfuss, Maja. (2019). *Global Politics: A New Introduction*, Third edition. London: Routledge.