

POU22022 — International Relations B

Module Information	
Module Code	<i>POU22022</i>
Module Title	<i>International Relations B</i>
Department	<i>Political Science</i>
Year Group	<i>Senior Fresh</i>
Module Personnel	<i>William Phelan</i>
Academic Year	<i>2026-27</i>
Credit Weighting	<i>5 credits</i>
Semester	<i>Semester 2</i>
Contact Hours	<i>22 hours of lectures, 5 hours of tutorials</i>

Module Content	
Module Description	This module (POU22022) is the second part of an introduction to the study of international relations. Together with its pair POU22021, the module looks at different theoretical approaches to international relations while engaging with a wide selection of topics in historical and contemporary politics. POU22022 builds on POU22021, and knowledge of the readings of POU22021 is expected and required of all students. Both modules have an emphasis on international collective action problems, where states have individual incentives to free-ride on making contributions to collective international outcomes from which they might benefit.
Module Learning Aims	The objective of this module are: • To equip students with the background and conceptual tools needed to understand contemporary international relations • To introduce students to the study of a variety of issue-areas in international politics and of the foreign policies of various powers
Learning Outcomes	Learning Outcomes:

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	On successful completion of this module, students should be familiar with a variety of different topics in contemporary international relations. Topics covered vary from year to year but may include international human rights, American foreign policy, among others. There will be a special focus on the external relations of the European Union in comparative context.
Indicative Reading / Resources	

Assessment

Assessment Components	<i>In-person Final Examination 75%</i> <i>Mid-term essay 15%</i> <i>Tutorials 10%</i>
Assessment Details	

Additional Information

Prerequisites	POU11011 & POU11012 or POU11033 & POU11034
Co-requisites	
Any other information	