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Part One Registration Handbook: Modules, Degree Schemes and How to Register

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Guidelines for Part One Registration

How many credits do I need to take?

Students should take **120 credits** in each year of their degree scheme.

How many credits is each module worth?

All of the first year modules in the **Department of International Politics** are worth **20 credits** each.

The number of credits a module is worth is shown by the last two digits in its Module ID. The first two letters denote the 'home' Department e.g.

IP124**20** – 20 credit module in the Department of International Politics

English/Welsh

The Department of International Politics offers opportunities for its undergraduate students to study through the medium of both English and Welsh.

Modules offered by the Department begin with '**IP/IQ**' if they are taught in English or '**GW/GQ**' if they are taught, either partially or wholly, through the medium of Welsh.

Most GW modules at Part One are taught partially through the medium of Welsh – i.e. English lectures (or a proportion of the lectures in Welsh on GW12420) and Welsh seminars/workshops.

One GW module at Part One is offered wholly through the medium of Welsh (lectures, seminars and workshops) – **GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed Ganrif ar Hugain**.

Students can opt for the GW version of modules every time if they wish, or they can choose to take just one or two GW modules, while studying the rest of their modules in English.

All students, on any module in the Department, regardless of the medium of teaching, have the choice to submit coursework and sit examinations in either English or Welsh.

Which modules should I take?

Most of our **single honours** students take **all their modules** from within the Department.

Single honours students must take **100 credits** worth of 'GW' or 'IP' modules, and joint honours students must take **60 credits** worth of 'GW' or 'IP' modules.

The detailed requirements for single honours, joint and major/minor degree schemes are shown **at the end of this booklet**.

You may wish to take some **modules outside the Department** in order to make up your 120 credits; joint and major/minor students must do so.

When you are deciding on your modules, remember:

Check **which semester** modules are running in and do not load your modules unevenly; we strongly recommend that you have an **even balance** of 60 credits in each semester.

If you **mix modules** from different departments, check on the **timetable** that the teaching doesn't clash!

You can **change modules** after the module has started. Ideally, if you wish to change modules you should do so in the first two weeks of teaching via your student record.

Timetable of Part One Modules

Note that you cannot take both the English and Welsh languages versions of the same modules.

Semester One

Module ID	Title	Module Co-ordinator
IP12420	Exploring the International 1: Central Concepts and Core Skills	Dr Andrew Davenport
OR		
GW12420	Cyflwyniad i Wleidyddiaeth Ryngwladol 1: Cysyniadau Canolog a Sgiliau Craidd	Dr Catrin Edwards
IP12620	Behind the Headlines	Dr Tom Vaughan
OR		
GW12620	Y Tu ôl i'r Penawdau	Dr Huw Lewis
IP12820	The Making of the Modern World: War, Peace and Revolution since 1789	Dr James Vaughan

Semester Two

Module ID	Title	Module Co-ordinator
IP10320	War, Strategy and Intelligence	Dr Tom Vaughan
IP12520	Globalisation and Global Development	Dr Gillian McFadyen
OR		
GW12520	Globaleiddio a Datblygiad Byd-eang	Dr Anwen Elias
IP12920	Politics in the 21 st Century	Dr Huw Lewis
OR		
GW12920	Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed Ganrif ar Hugain	Dr Huw Lewis

CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle (Welsh-medium module: Engaging with your subject through the medium of Welsh: bilingual skills for university and the workplace, a semester 2 module for all Welsh medium students centrally provided in Semester 2 focussing on bilingual skills and relevant to the acquisition of the Language Skills Certificate offered by the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol). For more information see: [CY11020](#)).

Module Details: IP12420

Module Title	Exploring the International 1: Central Concepts and Core Skills
Academic Year	2023/2024
Co-ordinator	Dr Andrew Davenport
Semester	Semester 1
Mutually Exclusive	GW12420

Course Delivery	Lectures: 17 x 1 Hour
	Seminars: 4 x 1 Hour
	Workshops: 6 x 1 Hour

Assessment Type	Assessment length / details	Proportion
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,000 word concept exposition	40%
Semester Assessment	1 x 2,000 word essay	60%

Brief Description

This module will provide a thorough and wide-ranging introduction to central concepts and themes in the study of international politics. It will outline a series of key theoretical positions and will encourage students to analyse and evaluate them with reference to a mixture of historical and contemporary examples.

Content

The module will be delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars. Key topics covered during the module will include:

The state	The nation
Territory	War, peace and security
International organisations	Globalisation
Essential study skills	

Module Details: IP12620

Module Title	Behind the Headlines
Academic Year	2023/2024
Co-ordinator	Dr Tom Vaughan
Semester	Semester 1
Mutually Exclusive	GW12620

Course Delivery	Lectures: 10 x 1 Hour Seminars: 4 x 1 Hour Viewings: 2 x 3 Hours Workshops: 4 x 1 Hour
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Assessment Type	Assessment length / details	Proportion
Semester Assessment	Seminar performance	10%
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,000 word opinion article OR 2 x 750 word opinion articles	40%
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,500 word headline briefing paper	50%

Brief Description

This module provides an opportunity to reflect critically upon developments in international politics in real time. The curriculum is unique because it is necessarily determined by political domestic and world events as reported in the media. The focus is on news and opinions that appear from week to week during the course of the semester, and students develop their skills as researchers, critical thinkers, presenters and writers while becoming more media-aware. Lectures demonstrate the ways in which a variety of academic researchers and public intellectuals respond to world events, and in-depth seminars and other formats support the development of skills to be assessed in the module and provide students with crucial employability skills (e.g. writing of media opinion articles, policy briefing papers).

Content

This module introduces to the teaching programme of the Department a real-time experience of the relationship between world events, media reporting, and the academic study of international politics. The module draws on a variety of perspectives from within and beyond the Department of International Politics, as unfolding media content is critically assessed by different contributors. Lectures demonstrate the ways in which a variety of academic researchers and public

intellectuals respond to world events, and in-depth workshops support the development of skills to be assessed in the module. Learning activities in seminars and practicals, are designed to encourage students' intellectual autonomy, succinct writing, and logical argument, and to provide them with basic employability skills on which they can build throughout their studies.

Module Details: IP12820

Module Title	The Making of the Modern World: War, Peace and Revolution since 1789
Academic Year	2023/2024
Co-ordinator	Dr James Vaughan
Semester	Semester 1

Course Delivery Lectures: 18 x 1 Hour
Seminars: 4 x 1 Hour
Workshops: 1 x 2 Hours; 3 x 1 Hour

Assessment Type	Assessment length / details	Proportion
Semester Assessment	Seminar performance	10%
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,000 word review essay	30%
Semester Exam	Online examination	60%

Brief Description

The module introduces first year undergraduate students to 'big' issues, trends and debates in global politics in a way that lays intellectual foundations for Honours-level study of military and international history. Students will be provided with a grounding in subject-specific knowledge and techniques which will contribute to the general development of scholarly and employability skills.

Content

The module explores broad trends and patterns in 18th, 19th and 20th century international relations. The lecture programme is divided into four thematic sections. The first looks at general trends, historiographical developments, and modes of analysis pertinent to the historical discipline. The second explores different manifestations of military, political, technological and economic power and the evolving nature of the international balance of power. A third section explores revolution and conflict in the non-western world and a final section looks at how revolutionary, reformist and reactionary ideologies have impacted upon ideas about the management of international society and the pursuit of peace.

Module Details: IP10320

Module Title	War, Strategy and Intelligence
Academic Year	2023/2024
Co-ordinator	Dr Tom Vaughan
Semester	Semester 2

Course Delivery:	Lectures: 16 x 1 Hour
	Seminars: 4 x 1 Hour
	Workshops: 4 x 2 Hours

Assessment Type	Assessment length / details	Proportion
Semester Assessment	Seminar performance	10%
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,000 word essay	30%
Semester Exam	2 hour examination	60%

Brief Description

The module introduces first year undergraduate students to the key ideas and debates in the fields of war, strategy, security and intelligence. In this way it provides the intellectual foundations for Honours-level study in these fields as well as a grasp of key ideas and concepts for those studying in other areas of International Politics and related fields. Students will be provided with a grounding in subject-specific knowledge and techniques which will contribute to the general development of scholarly and employability skills.

Content

The module explores key ideas and debates in the study of war, strategy, intelligence and security. The lecture programme is divided into four thematic sections:

1. The study, nature and limits of war.
2. Strategy, including conventional strategies, deterrence, revolutionary-guerrilla warfare and terrorism.
3. The study and practice of intelligence.
4. Contemporary security problems and debates.

Module Details: IP12520

Module Title	Globalisation and Global Development
Academic Year	2023/2024
Co-ordinator	Dr Gillian McFadyen
Semester	Semester 2
Mutually Exclusive	GW12520

Course Delivery:	Lectures: 15 x 1 Hour
	Seminars: 5 x 1 Hour
	Viewings: 2 x 3 Hours
	Workshops: 3 x 1 Hour

Assessment Type	Assessment length / details	Proportion
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,200 word essay	40%
Semester Exam	Online examination	60%

Brief Description

This module builds on the material introduced as part of Exploring the International 1 during the first semester. It aims to further deepen the student's grasp of central concepts and themes in the study of international politics with the particular goal of questioning and challenging some of the more traditional and mainstream approaches to the discipline explored in the first module. There will be a particular emphasis on non-Western approaches to International Politics and the challenges of global development.

Content

The module will be delivered through a combination of lectures, workshops and seminars. Key topics covered during the module will include:

Globalisation and neoliberalism	Inequality
Power	Race
Religion	Climate change
Nationalism	Global health
International terrorism	Nuclear proliferation
Emerging powers	

Module Details: IP12920

Module Title	Politics in the 21 st Century
Academic Year	2023/2024
Co-ordinator	Dr Huw Lewis
Semester	Semester 2
Mutually Exclusive	GW12920

Course Delivery: Lectures: 18 x 1 Hour
Seminars: 4 x 1 Hour

Assessment Type	Assessment length / details	Proportion
Semester Assessment	Seminar performance	10%
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,200 word essay	40%
Semester Assessment	1 x 1,500 word essay	50%

Brief Description

This module seeks to introduce students to some of the key concepts, ideas, institutions and actors approaches in the study of politics. It aims to examine key changes in the nature and practice of politics, in order to better understand the main opportunities and challenges of politics in the 21st century. We will explore a range of different approaches, systems and issues in contemporary politics, drawing on examples from across the world. The module will give students an opportunity to engage with classic works as well as contemporary debates regarding the nature of politics. It seeks to strengthen student awareness of the range of types of political systems and institutions, forms of political engagement as well as some of the key ideas that shape contemporary political debates.

Content

The module will be delivered through a combination of lectures and seminars. Themes covered during these sessions will include:

Key political ideas and concepts	Types of political systems
Constitutions and political institutions	Elections, parties, and party systems
Participation and representation	Identity politics
Contemporary political issues	

Degree Scheme Outlines

Single Honours Degree Scheme Outlines

142L International Relations

242L International Relations (with integrated year studying abroad)

F42L International Relations (with integrated foundation year)

642L International Relations (with integrated year in industry)

552L Cysylltiadau Rhyngwladol

All students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

Students should then take other International Politics modules up to 80 credits:

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

If you wish, you are entitled to take **a maximum of 20 credits outside the Department of International Politics**. Students often find appropriate modules in: History & Welsh History; Geography & Earth Sciences; Welsh; English & Creative Writing; Law; Economics & Business Studies; Modern Languages. You can find details of all modules on the web at: [Module list](#)

International students may also want to look at the English language modules available from the International English Centre at: [International English Centre](#)

GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

L203 Politics

All students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Students should then take other International Politics modules up to 80 credits:

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

Welsh Version

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

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GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

L248 Politics and International Relations

All students **must take the following 60 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Students should then take other International Politics modules up to 60 credits:

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

Welsh Version

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

If you wish, you are entitled to take **a maximum of 20 credits outside the Department of International Politics**. Students often find appropriate modules in: History & Welsh History; Geography & Earth Sciences; Welsh; English & Creative Writing; Law; Economics & Business Studies; Modern Languages. You can find details of all modules on the web at: [Module list](#)

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GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

13LL International Relations and Global Development

All students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

Students should then take other International Politics modules up to 80 credits:

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

Welsh Version

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

If you wish, you are entitled to take **a maximum of 20 credits outside the Department of International Politics**. Students often find appropriate modules in: History & Welsh History; Geography & Earth Sciences; Welsh; English & Creative Writing; Law; Economics & Business Studies; Modern Languages. You can find details of all modules on the web at: [Module list](#)

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GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

H2VL International Relations and Military History

F2VL International Relations and Military History (with integrated foundation year)

All students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

Students should then take other International Politics modules up to 80 credits:

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

If you wish, you are entitled to take **a maximum of 20 credits outside the Department of International Politics**. Students often find appropriate modules in: History & Welsh History; Geography & Earth Sciences; Welsh; English & Creative Writing; Law; Economics & Business Studies; Modern Languages. You can find details of all modules on the web at: [Module list](#)

International students may also want to look at the English language modules available from the International English Centre at: [International English Centre](#)

GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

L252 Strategy, Intelligence and Security

All students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

Students should then take other International Politics modules up to 80 credits:

English Version

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

IP12920 Politics of the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

If you wish, you are entitled to take **a maximum of 20 credits outside the Department of International Politics**. Students often find appropriate modules in: History & Welsh History; Geography & Earth Sciences; Welsh; English & Creative Writing; Law; Economics & Business Studies; Modern Languages. You can find details of all modules on the web at: [Module list](#)

International students may also want to look at the English language modules available from the International English Centre at: [International English Centre](#)

GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

27LF International Relations and Climate Change

37LF International Relations and Climate Change (with integrated year in industry)

All students **must take the following 60 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

International Politics modules:

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

Modules in other departments:

BR16620 Climate and Climate Change

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

Students should then take other modules up to 60 credits which may include the following:

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

Other modules on the Climate Change schemes are offered by other departments. You can find details of all modules on the web at: [Module List](#)

Joint Honours Degree Scheme Outline

Joint honours means that you take half of your modules in the International Politics Department, and half in your other 'home' department.

Joint Honours International Relations and

Students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules from International Politics:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

Students **then take one further International Politics option of 20 credits:**

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

TOTAL INTERPOL MODULES: 60 CREDITS

Modules from Joint Department

Students **must also take 60 credits in their joint department.**

GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

Joint Honours Politics and

Students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules from International Politics:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Students **then take one further International Politics option of 20 credits:**

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

Welsh Version

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

TOTAL INTERPOL MODULES: 60 CREDITS

Modules from Joint Department

Students **must also take 60 credits in their joint department.**

GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

Major/Minor Degree Scheme Outline

Students take two-thirds of their modules in the International Politics Department.

All students **must take the following 60 credits of compulsory modules:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12520 Globalisation and Global Development

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12520 Globaleiddio a Datblygiad
Bydeang

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

Students **must then take one further International Politics option worth 20 credits:**

English Version

IP10320 War, Strategy and Intelligence

IP12820 The Making of the Modern World

IP12920 Politics in the 21st Century

Welsh Version

GW12920 Gwleidyddiaeth yn yr Unfed
Ganrif ar Hugain

Also available in Welsh: CY11020 Ymwneud â'ch pwnc yn Gymraeg: sgiliau dwyieithog ar gyfer y brifysgol a'r gweithle

TOTAL INTERPOL MODULES: 80 CREDITS

Modules from Minor Department

Students **must also take 40 credits in their minor department.**

GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS

Minor/Major Degree Scheme Outline

Students take one-third of their modules in the International Politics Department.

Students **must take the following 40 credits of compulsory modules from International Politics:**

English Version

IP12420 Exploring the International 1

IP12620 Behind the Headlines

Welsh Version

GW12420 Cyflwyniad i Wleid. Ryngwladol
1

GW12620 Y Tu Ôl i'r Penawdau

TOTAL INTERPOL MODULES: 40 CREDITS

Modules from Major Department

Students **must also take 80 credits in their major department.**

GRAND TOTAL: 120 CREDITS