

As an international relations major, there are a wide variety of host institutions to choose from in Britain, Ireland, South Africa and Botswana. However, studying international relations in a different country allows you to learn familiar topics from a completely new perspective, including topics that are not covered by all US institutions. While a variety of traditional international relations courses are offered, here are some highlights unique to your host country's perspective. If you would like to see the full range of political science offerings contact Interstudy for more information at 800.663.1999.

BRITAIN

Goldsmiths, University of London

CU52003A: The Making of Modernity: Late 19th and Early 20th-Century Concepts of the Modern

This interdisciplinary course critically examines some of the key frameworks through which ideas of the modern were formulated in turn of the century Europe. This involves study of philosophical egoism and ideas of 'mass' culture; contemporary sciences (the cultural impact of Freud, Bergson, Einstein and eugenics); and Marxist interventions (with particular reference to Lukacs). You study cultural movements associated with Modernism, such as Decadence, Vorticism, and Futurism, with particular reference to such writers as Wyndham Lewis, James Joyce, Gertrude Stein and Oscar Wilde.

Other Courses Offered:

CU52004A Body, Gender, Culture, CU52005A International Relations, CU53002A Space, Place and Identity: Diasporas in the Modern World, CU53008A Popular Culture in Practice

King's College, University of London

SGX323 Cultural Landscapes: North American Style

5SSWF008: War and Global Conflict in the Contemporary World

This course will aim at promoting the empirical understanding of the major characteristics of wars and global conflicts against the changing political, socio-economic, and technological conditions in which they have taken place from the end of the Second World War to the near present. It will deal with the contemporary history of international conflicts and wars, and will investigate the key ideas and issues which have influenced them in the context of numerous case studies.

Other Courses Offered:

4SSWF002 The Conduct of War, 6AAVEU19 The EU in the International System, 6SSWF011 State, Society and Strategy, 5SSWF009 War in International Order

University College London

POLS6005 International Security

This course introduces major themes and debates in the contemporary study of international peace, security and stability. By the end of the course, students will have a good overview of the literature in contemporary security studies and have acquired a set of conceptual tools that can be used for analyzing the causes of violent conflict, the sources of international stability and instability, and the mechanisms of international conflict management and conflict resolution.

Other Courses Offered:

POLS6006 - Politics of the EU, GEOG2014 - Geography and Global Poverty, HEBR7750 - The Arab Israeli Conflict, ECON3004 - International Trade

University of Westminster

1INR620 Ethics and International Relations

This module examines the principle foundations of ethics in international relations. It examines questions of ethics through a consideration of both classical and contemporary texts in international ethics and links these to contemporary developments in international relations. The emphasis is on the practical dimensions of ethical judgment in international relations, including questions of political violence, terrorism, climate change and international environmental politics, war and peace, gender violence, globalisation and global inequality.

Other Courses Offered: SPIR402 International Relations and the Global Economy, SPIR504 Governing the European Union, 1INR521 Foreign Policy Analysis, and SPIR502 British Politics

BRITAIN

University of St Andrews

IR5007 Terrorism and Liberal Democracy

This module will deal with: conceptual and definitional problems and theories and doctrines of terrorism; the relationship of terrorism to other forms of violence; origin and development of contemporary international terrorism; the efficacy of terrorism as a political weapon: dilemmas of liberal democratic responses. Analysis of trends in international terrorism and international response are all addressed within the syllabus.

Other Courses Offered:

IR4501 International Politics of Nuclear Weapons, IR5029 Conflict and Peace in Post-communist Eurasia, IR5407 Rethinking Human Rights, IR5701 Theories of Peace and Conflict

Swansea University

PO203 Anarchy and Order: Issues in World Politics

This is a 'core' International Relations module. It is also the IR 'theory' module. Its aim is to show how theory is all around us and shapes international relations and the way the discipline of International Relations can be explained. This module looks at major themes of anarchy and order, force and cooperation, through examples of states, international organisations and non-state actors. The module encourages students to evaluate and analyse the changing role of the state, multiple forms of power, and the nature of the discipline itself. Through four case-studies we explore global issues and their different causes, consequences and explanations. The module provides students with a grounding in the theory and practice of international relations and a knowledge of its central institutions. It is also a story about a powerful academic discipline and its many issues.

Other Courses Offered:

PO256 Genocide, HUA307 Memories of War, PO3114 The International Politics of Space, HUPM03 War, Technology and Culture

University of Warwick

Political Theory from Hobbes

This module aims to give you an understanding of the political philosophy of some of the most important European writers from 1640 onwards. You will be encouraged to read widely in both the primary and secondary literature concerning these writers. After having attended the seminars and lectures, in which this literature will be discussed, you should have gained an appreciation of debates about the connections between the ideas presented by these political philosophers, and historical developments concerning the state that took place in the period, as well as the economic transformation from agricultural to industrial society.

Other Courses Offered:

Politics of Developing Areas, International Security, Britain and the War in Iraq, Ethnic Conflict and Violence

IRELAND

University College Cork

ES4025 Ireland and International Relations: From Independence to Globalisation

To examine Ireland's place in the world. Irish foreign policy (political, diplomatic and economic); role of regional and international institutions; case studies; the relationship between values, interests, identity and foreign policy; foreign policy formulation; theoretical approaches; interaction between domestic politics and foreign policy.

Other Courses Offered: ES2022 The European Union and the International System, ES2027 Comparative European Politics, ES2021 Comparative European Government and Administration, and ES4024 Contemporary International Crises

SOUTH AFRICA

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

SLP407 SA's International Relations

Other Courses Offered: SLP305 Theory of International Relations, XLZ400 International Relations and World Politics, SLP106 Introduction to International Relations

Rhodes University

Political and International Studies 1

The first-year course introduces students to the basic components of the discipline of Political and International Studies and usually consists of courses in Political Philosophy, Comparative Political Studies and International Relations.

Other Courses Offered: Political and International Studies 2 and Political and International Studies 3

Stellenbosch University

364(12) International Relations of Africa

Africa's international position and role; inter-state relations on the continent; relations with selected external actors.

Other Courses Offered: 22(6) International Relations, 142(6) South African Politics, and 152(6) Introduction to African Politics

University of Cape Town

POL1005S INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

This course does two things: first, it provides a survey of fundamental issues and concepts in international relations and second, it analyses the interface of globalisation and international politics and the extent to which this affects the behaviour of actors in the international system.

Other Courses Offered:

POL1006S INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, POL2002S POLITICAL THEORY, and POL2022F STATE, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

University of the Witwatersrand

INTR4018 International Relations Theory in the Post-Cold War Era

Other courses offered:

INTR4044 The International Political Economy of Development , INTR4030 Political Economy of the World Trade Organisation , INTR4013 International Organisations, and INTR4017 International Relations of the Asia Pacific Region

Stellenbosch University: Summer Program

Course 7: CHALLENGES FOR DEMOCRATIC CONSOLIDATION *

We explore some of the most urgent policy challenges currently facing the country (including the high crime rates, poverty and social delivery), asking questions about the violent nature of crime in South Africa, and the government's plans and policies for combating poverty and improving service delivery. The impacts of half a century of social engineering do not disappear overnight, and so we further investigate the politics of identity, race and nation-building. In particular, we explore government's efforts to promote a sense of unity, and the tensions between national unity and multiculturalism. We also look at the identities of particular groups in South Africa – such as the Coloured and Xhosa communities, which will include an exploration of the role of tradition in South Africa today. In light of the 2010 Soccer World Cup, we specifically focus on sport as a driver of national identity. Finally, we also take a look at the role the South African state plays in Africa and internationally, with specific focus on the tension between the different identities it tries to project at regional and international levels, and between domestic and foreign policy priorities. The overarching question will be, given the immense challenges, what are the prospects for the future of democracy in South Africa?

* **NB:** Courses are subject to availability. Course titles and descriptions based on Summer 2011 course offerings.