University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BAHons International Relations (01240405)

Duration of study	1 year
Total credits	120
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Admission requirements

- A relevant bachelor's degree in International Relations or a directly related field of study as a major/field of specialisation.
- An average of 70% is required in the major/field of specialisation.
- In certain cases additional modules may be required.

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Other programme-specific information

In collaboration with the programme manager and with the approval of the head of department, students can select one elective module from another discipline.

Only certain modules are presented annually. Please consult the department in this regard.

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

Elective modules*

Select 3 modules of which 2 must be IPL modules from:**

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Core modules

International relations theory 752 (IPL 752)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The study of empirical and normative theories of international relations, with specific reference to the contemporary development and state of the art thereof. The emphasis is on the extent to which it represents traditional or postmodern thought and it moves away from the contending paradigms and perspectives that presently characterise the discipline. In-depth analyses are also made of specific partial theories, and of the contribution of selected theorists and their works.

Research report: International relations 770 (IPL 770)

Module credits	40.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The student in a specialised field of international relations, is written under the guidance of a supervisor. This is preceded by an introduction to advanced political research in the discipline with the inclusion of appropriate research methodology, research ethics, and the planning and documentation of research.

Elective modules

International political economy 751 (IPL 751)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Contemporary political and economic trends that impact on the political economy of the developing world are studied. The focus is in particular on the influence of international financial institutions and regimes on the political economy of the developing world, and on the responses of developing countries.

Foreign policy 753 (IPL 753)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This advanced module makes an in-depth study of the most important theoretical issues in the analysis of foreign policy. It deals with the development of foreign policy theory, the concept “foreign policy” and the related issues of the role of the state and the agency-structure debate. It also makes an in-depth study of a variety of approaches to the study of foreign policy and in so doing attempts to prepare the student for a possible master’s dissertation on a topic related to the study of foreign policy.

Security and strategic studies 754 (IPL 754)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An advanced study is made of the theory and practice of critical security studies, with the inclusion of emerging and new security issues. This also involves a comparative analysis of the security policy, strategy and doctrine of selected states; the approaches to and institutionalisation of multilateral security cooperation in the major regions of the world; as well as peace support operations initiated by international organisations. At the strategic level, attention is given to contemporary strategy of military action and deterrence strategy.

African and regional politics 751 (PTO 751)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The module focuses on African political systems, the position and role of Africa in the international system and aspects of regionalism and regionalisation. An analysis and evaluation is made of the major issues, challenges, trends and transformations concerning the domestic politics and the regional and international relations of African states, including pan-Africanism.

Peace, conflict and mediation 752 (PTO 752)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The theory and practice of peace missions and political conflict with specific reference to the classification, causes, development, conduct, management and outcomes of political conflict. Particular emphasis is placed on the different facets of peace missions and political conflict management such as conflict avoidance, prevention, settlement and resolution, as well as the process of bargaining, negotiation and (third party) mediation. An analysis will be made of selected case studies with specific reference to mediation in violent conflicts in Africa.

Jean Monnet European Studies 753 (PTO 753)

Module credits	20.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

This module offers an overview of the European Union and the main directions of change in Europe are explored from a political-economic perspective. The main elements of study are theoretical aspects of political and economic integration; the development of the "Idea of Europe" with emphasis on the role of seminal thinkers and the main historical forces; the evolution of European integration; a structural-functional analysis of the main institutions of the EU; the main issues confronting the EU; and the EU's development and aid policy towards the ACP countries with special emphasis on the Cotonou Agreement and the TDCA with South Africa.

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