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International relations 210 (IPL 210)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Humanities](#)

Module credits 20.00

Programmes [BAdmin Public Management and International Relations](#)

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[BA Languages](#)

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[BPolSci International Studies](#)

[BPolSci Political Studies](#)

[BSocSci Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies](#)

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Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites PTO 101 (GS)

Contact time 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Political Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

International theory and organisation

What causes war and peace? Can international order and justice be reconciled? Does the international structure matter? The answers depend on the theoretical lenses through which world politics are viewed. An overview is provided of competing theoretical perspectives of international relations. It includes mainstream and alternative perspectives, as well as the underlying ideas, theories and variants of each. These theories also propose different approaches to global peace, amongst others peace through international organisation. A comprehensive analysis is made of selected international organisations with a universal or regional scope, such as the United Nations, the African Union and the Southern African Development Community, and of international law that underpins these organisations and their activities.

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