

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

International relations theory and international organisation(s) 210 (IPL 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	20.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BAdmin specialising in Public Management and International Relations BA specialising in Languages BA specialising in Law BA specialising in Philosophy, Politics and Economics Bachelor of Arts [BA] 3-year programme Bachelor of Arts [BA] 4-year programme BPolSci specialising in International Studies BPolSci specialising in Political Studies BSocSci specialising in Industrial Sociology and Labour Studies
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

How do we explain the behaviour of state and non-state actors within the international system? The answer to this question depends on the theoretical lens through which global politics are viewed. An overview is provided of competing theoretical perspectives of international relations and research methodology within the field. 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(s). 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.

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