

# POLI 1008 WORLD POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (WSTC)

Credit Points 10

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**Description** This subject is an introduction to the key topics and debates that make up contemporary world politics and international relations. The subject will address the major historical developments, key issues and the various actors and institutions that make up world politics. Students will be introduced to some of the principal international relations theories that will provide them with the tools to investigate specific challenges confronting states, citizens, and non-state actors in our increasingly interconnected world. Issues of war and peace, state sovereignty, globalisation, global inequality, humanitarian intervention and human security will be addressed.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Political Science

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 4 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** POLI 1002 - Introduction to International Relations  
POLI 1003 - Introduction to International Relations (WSTC)  
POLI 1007 - World Politics and International Relations

## Restrictions

Students must be enrolled at The College to enrol in this subject. Students enrolled in Extended Diploma College programs must have passed 40 credit points of the preparatory subjects in these programs in order to register in this subject. Students enrolled in Integrated Diploma/Bachelor programs must have passed or be enrolled in the preparatory subjects in these programs in order to register in this subject.

## Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the major developments in the history of world politics and international relations
2. Explain the main components of key international relations theories
3. Identify and discuss the role of various actors in world politics
4. Examine current debates in world politics and international relations
5. Employ independent research skills
6. Demonstrate effective writing and analytical skills

## Subject Content

1. A history of international relations
2. The Cold War and post-Cold War world
3. International relations theory
4. Ethics in world politics
5. States, state sovereignty and globalisation
6. International organisations, international law, international regimes and global governance
7. Non-state actors
8. Nationalism
9. Security and insecurity in world politics including human security

10. Terrorist and extremist groups
11. International political economy
12. Global inequality
13. Human rights and humanitarian intervention
14. Climate change and environmental issues
15. Refugees and migration
16. Global health
17. Gender and race in world politics

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Quiz	60 min each	30	N	Individual	N
Short Answer	1000 words	30	N	Individual	N
Essay	1500 words	40	N	Individual	N

## Teaching Periods

### Term 1 (2025)

#### Bankstown City

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### Term 3 (2025)

#### Bankstown City

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#### Hybrid

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