

Introduction to International Relations

International Relations are approaching a cross-roads. Many of the discipline's core assumptions during the First and Second World Wars and the Cold War have been challenged by current events. Perhaps the most indicative events have been the 11th September and the ensuing War on Terror. In order to understand the events which are broadcast into our lives on a daily basis, it is essential to understand how the world operates. Theory allows for knowledge of practice.

This course is meant to introduce students to, and familiarise them with, International Relations Theory. It covers a wide range of theoretical material supported by historical examples. The outcome of taking such a course is an increased understanding of the contemporary world. While this course focuses primarily on the International Relations environment the international economic system is also explored. Yet the main aim of this course is to highlight the different perspectives within the international environment.