

## International Relations Theory

### Second year module

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This module deepens students' understanding of International Relations Theory, and introduces them to the discipline's current theoretical debates. It includes a critical appraisal of traditional International Relations theories, an overview of the current theoretical debate in the discipline, an in-depth discussion of some of central problems and themes in this debate, and a reflection on the consequences of this debate for specific study areas, such as Foreign Policy Analysis or Security Studies.

### Learning outcomes

At the end of the module the student should be able to:

- Discuss and appraise the main theories of International Relations, and select a theoretical position to do so.
- Differentiate between various critical and constructivist approaches to the analysis of international politics, and assess their relevance.
- Analyse a particular problem of international politics in a theoretically consistent manner.

### Assessment

- Term Two: 1 essay x 2,000 word assessed work (50%)
- Term Three: 2 hour examination (50%)