Description: Special Study in International Relations

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Student contribution band: 1
ASCED code: 090309

STAFFING
Examiner: Richard Gehrmann
Moderator: Don McMillen

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: 3 courses of International Relations

SYNOPSIS
This course is offered in both semesters one and two, year three, and is designed to give students an opportunity to undertake a piece of supervised independent research in the field of international relations, subject to the agreement of an appropriate supervisor. Topics may be taken from applied case studies or of a theoretical nature. Students will be required to submit a substantial research essay which demonstrates advanced skills in research, analysis and writing.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students will demonstrate
- a knowledge of the major events, themes, and historiography or theoretical developments of their chosen area of study;
- an ability to comprehend specialist literature, analyse problems, and present rational arguments;
- an awareness of international relations research methodology;
- a mastery of bibliographic and documentation techniques.

TOPICS

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<td>1. Identifying a Research Topic</td>
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2. Developing a Hypothesis 10.00
3. Bibliographic Research and Documentation 5.00
4. Writing Research Papers 80.00

TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).


REFERENCE MATERIALS:

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.


STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES:

1. Schedule of oral presentation to be advised during the course.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   It is the student's responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities
   (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them,
   and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to
   maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed
   of course-related activities and administration.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at
   least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a
   penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each
   of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative
   assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in
   relation to the objectives of the course by obtaining at least 50% of the total
   weighted marks for all summative assessment.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate
   of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in
   the course.

6 Examination information:
   There is no exam for this course.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   Given the details under (6) above, there are no deferred exams for this course.
   However, if any deferred/makeup work is granted, it would have to be submitted
   by a date set by the examiner.

8 University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10
   Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might
   contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
   http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ
   Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must lodge the
    assignment at the USQ. (b) Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for
    assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner.
    (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation
5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded: IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Students are strongly advised to maintain regular contact with their supervisor.
2 Students undertaking INR3001 should be aware of the requirements of ethical research, should their research involve human subjects. If adopting such methods, students are required to consult with the course examiner before undertaking research.