

BA (Hons) History and International Relations – SH335 (Subject to Approval)

1. Objectives

This degree programme is designed to provide knowledge and competence in the field of culture, history and society, and international relations. It provides the background for a number of professions in such sectors as teaching, the civil service, the media or public relations, heritage and research institutions, and international and regional organisations.

2. General Entry Requirements

In accordance with the University General Entry Requirements for admission to undergraduate degree programmes.

3. Programme Requirements

- A credit in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate/‘O’ Level or equivalent.
- 2 GCE ‘A’ Level passes in 2 relevant subjects. Relevant subjects include the following: History, Sociology, Languages (English, French), Indian Languages (Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu), Geography, Hinduism, Islamic Studies, Economics Maths, and Law.

4. Programme Duration

	Normal	Maximum
Full-time students:	3 years	5 years

5. Minimum Credits required for Degree Award - 108

	Core Modules	Electives	Gem
Degree	81	21	6

6. Credits per Year

Minimum 18 Credits, Maximum credits subject to Regulation 4.

7. Assessment

Each module will be assessed over 100 marks with details as follows (unless otherwise specified):

Written examinations for all modules will be carried out at the end of the academic year except for semester modules (unless otherwise stated).

Assessment will be based on a written examination of 2 to 3-hour duration (normally a paper of 2 hour duration for modules carrying less or equal to three credits, and 3 hour paper for modules carrying six credits) and on continuous assessment done during the semester or year.

A minimum of at least 30% should be attained in each of continuous assessment and written examination, with an overall total of 40% for a candidate to pass a module.

8. Submission Deadline for Dissertation / MiniProject

Final copy: To be submitted by the last working day of March

9. Repeat and Termination of Registration

If the CPA of a student is < 40 for an academic year, s/he will have to repeat the entire academic year, and retake modules as and when offered. However, s/he will not be required, if s/he wishes, to retake module(s) for which **Grade C** or above has been obtained.

Students will be allowed to repeat **only once** over the entire duration of the Programme of Studies.

Registration of a student will be terminated if

- (i) the CPA < 40 at the end of an academic year and the student has already repeated one year of study; or
- (ii) the maximum duration allowed for completion of the Programme of Studies has been exceeded.

10. Programme Plan - BA (Hons) History and International Relations

YEAR 1

Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
HIST 1004Y(1)	International History since the end of the 19 th Century	3+0	6
HIST 1002Y(1)	Mauritian History	3+0	6
IREL 1001Y(1)	Theories and Concepts of International Relations	3+0	6
POLI 1001Y(1)	Introduction to Political Theory	3+0	6
HIST 1003 (1)	Reading and Writing History	3+0	3
CSE 1010e(1)	Introduction to Information Technology	O.E.	3
	GEM		6
		TOTAL	36

YEAR 2

Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
HIST 2002Y(3)	19 th and 20 th Century Europe	3+0	6
HIST 2013Y(3)	Indian Ocean Societies	3+0	6
International Relations			
IREL 2001Y(3)	Public International Law	3+0	6
POLI 2007Y(3)	Comparative Government & Politics	3+0	6
ELECTIVES			
	Any other 12 credits modules offered by the department		12
	Foreign language		3
WBL 2000	Work Based Learning	8 weeks	2
		TOTAL	36

<u>YEAR 3</u>			
Code CORE	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	Credits
HIST 3001Y(5)	African History	3+0	6
HIST 3004Y(5)	Modern Asia	3+0	6
IREL 3001Y(5)	Civil Society and Human Rights in International Relations	3+0	6
IREL 3002Y(5)	International Institutions	3+0	6
HIST 3000(5)	Dissertation *	-	9
MP 3000	Mini Project & Presentation		6
CHOOSE 3 CREDITS FROM THE FOLLOWING			
IREL 3003(5)	Contemporary Issues in World Politics	3+0	3
<i>OR</i>	Any other 3 credits modules offered by the department		3
		TOTAL	36

TOTAL = 108 credits

* Students are required to earn a CPA of 60 before they are eligible to register on HIST 3000 (5) Dissertation, except with special dispensation from the Department.

11. Outline Syllabus

YEAR 1

HIST 1004Y(1) - INTERNATIONAL HISTORY SINCE THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY

This module aims at imparting to students a comprehensive knowledge of the major events in the international history since the end of the 19th century, to offer a firm basis for more advanced work in area studies and to provide the factual grounding and conceptual apparatus necessary to understand the contemporary world. Major topics include: the rise of global politics, 'New imperialism', the outbreak of the first world war, interwar international politics, the world economy. The second world war in Europe, Asia and the Pacific, the Cold War, Decolonisation, regional conflicts, globalisation, international and regional cooperation.

HIST 1002Y(1) - MAURITIAN HISTORY

This is a survey module covering the main aspects of Mauritian political, economic and social history from the discovery of the island to independence. This module is a partly on-line and partly face-to-face module.

HIST 1116(1) - READING AND WRITING HISTORY

Students will be introduced to basic skills required in the studying of history. They will read various relevant genres of historical writing.

IREL 1001Y(1) - THEORIES AND CONCEPTS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The module will focus on the major theoretical approaches to international relations in order to understand and critically analyse their strengths and weaknesses. Key concepts, such as power, agency, the state, international society and order will be identified and discussed in relation to differing interpretations and applications. Case studies assist in the use of both theories and concepts.

POLI 1001Y(1) - INTRODUCTION TO POLITICAL THEORY

The meaning of Politics. Fundamental rights and freedoms. The values of a liberal society. The State and the individual. Socialism and Marxism. Totalitarian regimes; fascism and communism. Topics will also include discussions concerning the nature of man, the origin of government and law, man's

relation to society and the state, the nature of just and unjust government with reference to thinkers such as: Plato, Aristotle, Cicero, Augustine, Aquinas, Machiavelli.

YEAR 2

HIST 2002Y(3) - 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY EUROPE

This module will examine general themes in European History in the 'Age of Nationalism'. Selected topics will include the impact of the French Revolution, Napoleon I, Vienna Settlement, 1848 Revolutions, Disraeli, the Unification of Italy and Germany, industrialisation, the development of socialism and nationalism and the development of the European states system. It also examines the development of Europe in the twentieth century. Major topics include economic and political developments, the inter-state rivalries, the rise of new ideologies, the development of mass society, cultural and intellectual developments and European integration.

HIST 2013Y(3) - INDIAN OCEAN SOCIETIES

Briefly this module will study the societies of the Indian Ocean in precolonial and colonial periods. It will examine the expansion of trading networks, the three main religions, the impact of European entry, the creation of diasporas and of 'cultural continuums' in the Indian Ocean region. The Geography component will examine the geology of the Indian Ocean, historical cartography, exploration and discovery, the expansion of trading networks, etc.

HIST 2200(3) - DISSERTATION RESEARCH

This module will prepare students for the dissertation and introduce them to the various methodologies and approaches in interdisciplinary historical research.

IREL 2001Y(3) - PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

This module will look at the application of international law in modern international society. Close attention is paid to legal aspects of current developments such as the international constitution: sources of law, treaties, institutions, States and international organisations, the individual in international law, the relationship between international law and national law. Selected issues in international law: jurisdiction and immunities, State responsibility, the treatment of foreign nationals, expropriation of foreign property, the use of force will also be studied.

POLI 2007Y(3) - COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Comparative Political analysis and its approaches, classification of political systems, i.e. democratic and authoritarian systems, federal and military systems, capitalist and socialist systems. Systems of Representation. Federalism and Unitary Government, USA Federal Government. The Centralization of Indian Federal Government. Devolution and The British Parliamentary System. Decentralization of power in the US. The French hybrid system – Half Presidential/ Half Parliamentary. Cohabitation in France and in the US. The powers of the President in France, US, and India. US Congressional Committees. The role of the Legislature. Supreme Court in US and France. The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. The Political Executive. The Powers of the President of the Republic. The Legislature. The Judiciary and the Constitutional High Court (India, USA, Britain, France & South Africa).

POLI 2204(3) - DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATISATION

Democracy: the concept and interpretation. Historical development of Western political institutions. Comparative historical studies of democracy. Modernisation theory, new waves of democratisation; in East Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Democracy and development in Third World countries. The concept of democratic legitimation.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES on offer subject to availability of resources

German	Mandarin
Spanish	Dutch
Portuguese	Malagasy

Swahili
Italian

Arabic

YEAR 3

HIST 3001Y(5) - AFRICAN HISTORY

This module will focus on Eastern and Southern African History from the early modern period to the beginning of the 20th century. Selected topics will include historical linguistics, oral history, African economy before 1800, Mau Mau rebellion, and Maji Maji uprising, the consolidation of the settler states in South Africa, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and Namibia, on the evolution of ideologies of white rule and the rise of African Nationalism in Zimbabwe. The main topics will be the Boer War, Afrikaner nationalism in South Africa, segregationist discourse, African nationalism, guerilla warfare in Southern Africa.

HIST 3004Y(5) - MODERN ASIA

This module is a survey of the political, economic and social transformation of Asia since the second half of the 19th century (Part 1 focusing on Indian and part 2 on special China and Japan). Major topics include: the Western impact and Asian response, the rise of nationalism and communism, internal politics and international and regional conflicts, the impact of the Cold War, the contemporary economic development of India, Japan and China.

IREL 3002Y(5) - INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

This module examines the legal regimes governing and produced by inter-governmental organisations (IGOs). This includes a consideration of the legal and conceptual nature of such organisations. Issues to be considered include the constitutional base, legal personality, legal powers, membership issues, representation, voting, decision making, legal orders, accountability, responsibility, democracy and the role of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) within inter-governmental organisations. This course will consider a whole range of IGOs, but will pay particular attention to the UN and the specialised agencies.

IREL 3001Y(5) - CIVIL SOCIETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The aim of this module is to develop critical understanding of human rights and different conceptualisations of this issue. Particular attention will be given to human rights under different political regimes and problems related the evaluation and operationalisation of complex concepts.

IREL 3003(5) - CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN WORLD POLITICS

This module investigates major issues in international relations in the postcold war era. Major themes include: the 'end of history' debate, culture and civilisations, ethnic conflicts, international crime and terrorism, democratisation and good governance, gender issues, global epidemiology and ecology.

MP3000 MINI PROJECT AND PRESENTATION (6 credits)

A Mini-project may also take the form of a Research/teaching internship

Research /Teaching Practicum 120 hours

Students will be required to submit a portfolio at the end of the practicum. Students can choose internships in any organisation, educational or cultural institution. They will be required to do so in consultation with their tutor. An agreed plan of work, objectives must be reached jointly with tutor, director of the organisation in question and the supervisor. The practicum will provide students with the opportunity to participate in a real workplace environment. As part of this module, students will put their theoretical learning into practice, develop a sense of the workplace, widen their professional networks, enhance their employment opportunities through additional training and develop a range of transferable personal and professional skills. Students will keep a weekly log book of their experiences and undertaking a number of assessment tasks related to the projects on which the internship is based. The total duration will be determined by the partner providing the internship opportunity, in consultation with the programme coordinator, lecturer and the student.

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