BA (Hons) Politics, Human Rights and International Relations – SH 356

1. **Context and Objectives** (including relevant competencies)

   This course creates opportunities for students willing to explore key aspects of political science while developing an in-depth knowledge of human rights and international relations. Graduates will gather the required skills to work in the private and public sector; in NGOs dealing with human rights and in national, regional and international human rights institutions, including Commissions and Observatories.

2. **Learning Outcomes**

   Graduates in Politics, Human Rights and International Relations will:

   - Discuss the conceptual and theoretical foundations of politics, human rights and international relations.
   - Demonstrate a critical appreciation of the relationship between politics, human rights and international relations
   - Appraise the multilevel governance structures involved in the study of politics, human rights and international relations.
   - Employ the conceptual and theoretical foundations of the three main strands of the programme to independently examine and evaluate current events and issues at both domestic and international levels.   .
   - Develop the basic academic skills to conduct research in the fields of human rights, politics and international relations

3. **Teaching and Learning Methods**

   Main teaching methods are lectures, tutorials, seminars and working groups.

   Learning methods will include: - case studies, the use of community resource persons, debates, group discussions, hypotheticals, mock trials, visual aid, participant presentations and exhibitions.

4. **Entry Requirements**

   General

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

   Programme (Specific)

   - A credit in English Language at Cambridge School Certificate / 'O' Level or equivalent.
   - 2 GCE 'A' Level passes in 2 subjects.

5. Programme Duration

	Normal	**Maximum**
Degree	3 years	5 years

6. Minimum LCCS Credits Required

For Degree Award - 204

Degree	Core Modules	Electives	Dissertation or (Research Project + 1 Elective)	Total LCCS Credits
	162	24	18 (12 + 6)	**204**

7. Assessment and Deadlines

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

Assessment will be based on:

Continuous Assessment: 40%

Continuous Assessment will be based on a compulsory written class test and assignments/or oral presentations. The continuous assessment will count for 40% of the overall percentage mark of the module(s), except for a Programme where the structure makes for other specific provision(s).

An overall total of 40% for combined continuous assessment and written examination components would be required to pass the module, without minimum thresholds within the individual continuous assessment and written examination. The same criterion will apply for modules being assessed jointly. Note that all overall mark for the two modules will be considered and not the individual marks for each of the two modules.

Examinations: 60%

A written examination of 2 to 3-hour duration counting for 60% of the overall percentage mark for the module.

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

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Submission Deadline for Dissertation / Research Project

Three copies of the dissertation (two spiral-bound copies and one soft copy in a single PDF text file on electronic storage media) should be submitted to the Faculty/Centre Registry and in addition, a soft copy of the dissertation in a single PDF text file should be uploaded on the "'Turnitin' Platform", in the final assignment submission link indicated by the Programme/Project Coordinator.

All of the above should be submitted not later than the last week day of March of the academic year by 4.00 p.m. at latest, unless specified otherwise in the Programme of Studies.

8. List of Modules

Core Modules

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	LCCS Credits
POLI 1103(1)	Core Concepts in Political Science1	3+0	6
IREL 1002Y(1)	Foundations of Human Rights	3+0	12
IREL 1001Y(1)	Theories and Concepts of International Relations	3+0	12
HIST 1004Y(1)	International History since the end of the 19th Century	3+ 0	12
POLI 1003Y(1)	Political History of Mauritius: From Early Origins to Modern Times	3+0	12
ECON1012Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Theory	3+0	12
ENG 1011Y(1)	Communication Skills in English	3+0	12
IREL 2001Y(3)	Public International Law	3+0	12
IREL 2202(3)	Human Rights Institutions2	3+0	6
PADM 2103(2)	The Ethics of Public Service 1	3+0	6
POLI 2007Y(3)	Comparative Government and Politics	3+0	12
POLI 2009(3)	Mauritian Government and Politics1	3+0	6
POLI 2107(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis1	3+0	6
IREL 3004Y(5)	Human Rights Issues in International Relations	3+0	12
IREL 3007 Y(5)	Security in International Relations	3+0	12
POLI 3002Y(5)	African Politics	3+0	12
POLI 3000(5)	Dissertation	-	18
POLI 3016Y(5)RP	Research Project	-	12

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Electives

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	LCCS Credits
IREL1203(1)	Gender and Human Rights2	3+0	6
IREL1104(1)	Freedom of Religion or Belief1	3+0	6
IREL 1205(1)	Debates in Globalization2	3+0	6
	Foreign Languages	1½+0	6
IREL2203(3)	The Politics of Migration2	3+0	6
POLI 2204(3)	Democracy and Democratisation2	3+0	6
IREL 2103(3)	Contemporary Maritime Security Issues1	3+0	6
HIST 2214(3)	Contemporary India - History, Politics and Society2	3+0	6
HIST 2119(3)	Contemporary China - History, Politics and Society1	3+0	6
IREL 2105(3)	Environment and Human Rights1	3+0	6
POLI 2106(3)	Introduction to Kinship and Political Anthropology2	3+0	6
	Foreign Languages II	1½+0	6
IREL 3203(5)	Transitional Justice2	3+0	6
IREL 3106(5)	International Commercial Arbitration1	3+0	6
POLI 3105(5)	Electoral Systems and Voting2	3+0	6
HIST 3113(5)	Contemporary Mauritius – Cultural Diversity, Institutions and Society1	3+0	6
PADM 3103(5)	Policy Advocacy1	3+0	6
	Foreign Languages III	1½+0	6

9. Programme Plan

Year 1 (78 LCCS Credits for Core Modules + 6 LCCS Credit Elective = 84 LCCS Credits)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	LCCS Credits
Core Modules			
POLI 1103(1)	Core Concepts in Political Science[1]	3+0	6
IREL 1002Y(1)	Foundations of Human Rights	3+0	12
IREL 1001Y(1)	Theories and Concepts of International Relations	3+0	12
HIST 1004Y(1)	International History since the end of the 19th Century	3+0	12
POLI 1003Y(1)	Political History of Mauritius: From Early Origins to Modern Times	3+0	12
ECON1012Y(1)	Introduction to Economic Theory	3+0	12
ENG 1011Y(1)	Communication Skills in English	3+0	12
Electives: Choose any one module amounting to 6 LCCS credits from the list below			
IREL1203(1)	Gender and Human Rights[2]	3+0	6
IREL1104(1)	Freedom of Religion or Belief[1]	3+0	6
IREL 1205(1)	Debates in Globalization[2]	3+0	6
	Foreign Languages I	1½ +0	6
	Any other electives offered by the Department		
	Sub-Total		**84**

YEAR 2 (48 LCCS Credits for Core Modules + 12 LCCS Credit Electives = 60 LCCS Credits)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	LCCS Credits
Core Modules			
IREL 2001Y(3)	Public International Law	3+0	12
IREL 2202(3)	Human Rights Institutions[2]	3+0	6
PADM 2103(2)	The Ethics of Public Service[1]	3+0	6
POLI 2007Y(3)	Comparative Government and Politics	3+0	12
POLI 2009(3)	Mauritian Government and Politics[1]	3+0	6
POLI 2107(3)	Research Methods and Data Analysis[1]	3+0	6
Electives: Choose any two modules amounting to 12 LCCS credits from the list below			
IREL2203(3)	The Politics of Migration[2]	3+0	6
POLI 2204(3)	Democracy and Democratisation[2]	3+0	6
IREL 2103(3)	Contemporary Maritime Security Issues[1]	3+0	6
HIST 2214(3)	Contemporary India - History, Politics and Society[2]	3+0	6
HIST 2119(3)	Contemporary China - History, Politics and Society[1]	3+0	6
IREL 2105(3)	Environment and Human Rights[1]	3+0	6
POLI 2106(3)	Introduction to Kinship and Political Anthropology[2]	3+0	6
	Foreign Languages II	3+0	6
	Any other electives offered by the Department		
	Sub-Total		**60**

YEAR 3 (36 LCCS Credits for Core Modules + One 6 LCCS Credit Elective and 18 LCCS Credit Dissertation OR 36 LCCS Credits for Core Modules+ 12 LCCS Credit Research Project + Two 6 LCCS Credit Electives = 60 LCCS Credits)

Code	Module Name	Hrs/Wk L+P	LCCS Credits
Core Modules			
IREL 3004Y(5)	Human Rights Issues in International Relations	3+0	12
IREL 3007 Y(5)	Security in International Relations	3+0	12
POLI 3002Y(5)	African Politics	3+0	12
TO CHOOSE EITHER DISSERTATION OR RESEARCH PROJECT + ONE ELECTIVE OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT			
POLI 3000(5)	Dissertation	-	18
POLI 3016Y(5)RP	Research Project	-	12
List of Electives Offered			
IREL 3203(5)	Transitional Justice[2]	3+0	6
IREL 3106(5)	International Commercial Arbitration[1]	3+0	6
POLI 3105(5)	Electoral Systems and Voting[2]	3+0	6
HIST 3113(5)	Contemporary Mauritius – Cultural Diversity, Institutions and Society[1]	3+0	6
PADM 3103(5)	Policy Advocacy[1]	3+0	6
	Foreign Languages III	1½+0	6
	Any other electives offered by the Department		
	Sub-Total		**60**
	GRAND TOTAL		**204**

Notes

a) [1] Module taught and examined in Semester 1
b) [2] Module taught and examined in Semester 2
c) Offering of electives would be subject to the availability of resources and critical mass.

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