

Faculty	Economic and Management Sciences		
Home Department	Political Studies		
Module Topic	Introduction to Political Studies and International Relations		
Generic Module Name	Introduction to Political Studies and International Relations 131		
Alpha -numeric Code	POL131		
NQF Level	5		
NQF Credit Value	15		
Duration	Semester		
Proposed semester to be offered	First Semester		
Programmes in which module will be offered	BAdmin (1011), BAdmin P/T (1018), BA (2101 & 2612), LLB (7161 & 7171)		
Year Level	1		
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and describe the essential characteristics of politics and the state in a national and international context (e.g. authority, power, legitimacy and sovereignty). Outline the development of political institutions. Provide the theoretical foundations for the study of international relations. Identify and describe key factors, issues and trends in national and international politics. Develop the basic techniques and knowledge necessary to pursue further study in the field of Political Science and International Relations. 		
Main Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key features of contemporary political dynamics and state structures Key theoretical approaches to the study of international relations Political trends in national and international politics Key concepts in the fields of Political Science and International Relations, e.g. power and authority The impact of historical trends on current political structures at the national and global level 		
Pre-requisite modules	None		
Co-requisite modules	None		
Prohibited module Combinations	None		
Breakdown of Learning Time	Hours	Timetable Requirement per week	Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
Contact with lecturer/ tutor:	56	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	3
Assignments & tasks:	30	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0
Practical's:	0	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	1
Assessment:	8		
Self-study:	56		
Other: Please specify			
Total Learning Time	150		
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 50% Final Assessment (FA): 50%		
Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)		