



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME
International Relations and Security

FINAL EXAMS RE SIT in AUGUST 2025 for the
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COURSE CODE: DIRS121

COURSE TITLE: International Relations Theory

August 2025

Exam duration: 3 hours (including identity verification process)

INSTRUCTIONS

- a) This is a closed-book exams.
- b) This exam consists of two pages (including this one).
- c) **Students must answer 2 OF 3 QUESTIONS.**
- d) We urge the entire set of words for the entire set of answers to the set of questions to be in the range of 800-1000 words. For example, if you are asked to develop a query, we urge it to be developed into 800-1000 words within 2 hours and 45 minutes. If you are asked to answer 2 questions we urge each of them to be developed into 400-500 words.
- e) The answers must be submitted in a **WORD DOCUMENT** so that they can be checked by the Turnitin system for plagiarism or copying.
- f) Cooperation, copying, or help from third parties will result in penalties/ nullification of the exam grade.

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Final exam questions: Answer two out of three.

- 1.** Assess how realism perceives the nature of the international system, actors in the world, as well as war and peace. Please identify key scholars and use a contemporary or historical phenomenon to illustrate your point. (500 words)
- 2.** Examine the relevance of Critical theories in International Relations. Do you believe it is relevant to how we perceive and understand international politics? Please identify key scholars. (500 words)
- 3.** Critically assess the contribution of the fourth "Great Debate" in International Relations. Please identify the core points of disagreement between the competing sides. In your opinion, how has the debate reshaped the study of IR, and what are its limitations? (500 words)