

# Introduction to Politics and International Politics

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Our lecturers have put together the following information to help you prepare for your course. This will give you a snapshot of the materials and reading list you'll be using. You'll get a full breakdown of information before you enrol.

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If you have any more questions, [please get in touch](#).

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### Reading list

- Heywood, Andrew. 2019. *Politics*. Abingdon: Red Globe Press, 5th Edition.
- Frieden, Jeffrey A., David A. Lake, and Kenneth A. Schultz. 2018. *World Politics: Interests, Interactions, Institutions*. New York: Norton (4th Edition).

We also recommend these free podcasts which discuss current events pertinent to national and international politics.

- [The Intelligence](#) by The Economist
- [The Daily](#) by the New York Times
- [Global News Podcast](#) by the BBC World Service



## Indicative content

Themes - Politics	Reading
What is Politics?	Heywood, chapter 1
The Role of Ideologies	Heywood, chapter 2
Democracy	Heywood, chapters 4 & 5
Nationalism and Populism	Heywood, chapter 6
Globalisation	Heywood, chapter 7
Politics and Identity	Heywood, chapter 8
Politics and Media	Heywood, chapter 9
Elections and Voting	Heywood, chapters 10 & 11
Governments & Institutions	Heywood, chapters 14 & 15
Security	Heywood, chapter 18
World Order	Heywood, chapter 19

Themes - International Politics	Content
Foundations of world politics	Frieden, Lake and Schultz, chapter 1
Understanding the international system	Frieden, Lake and Schultz, chapter 2
Why do we have war?	Frieden, Lake and Schultz, chapters 3-6
International political economy	Frieden, Lake and Schultz, chapters 7-10
Human rights	Frieden, Lake and Schultz, chapter 12
Environment	Frieden, Lake and Schultz, chapter 13
The rise of China	Frieden, Lake and Schultz, chapter 14

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