

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 433	Course Title : War and Peace Studies
Required / Elective : Elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Catalog Description: Main theories of war and peace, including arguments related to Democracy and war, nationalism, ethnicity and war.	Textbook / Required Material : Selected readings determined by the instructor.
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS	
Extended Description : This course is designed to introduce students to the literature on war and peace studies. Throughout the course, students learn about the meanings of the concepts of war and peace, various causes of wars and peace, as well as different types of wars. The course also covers discussions about the concepts of positive and negative peace.	
Design content : None	Computer usage: Required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be able to situate the concepts of war and peace within the framework of the field of International Relations. • Have a basic knowledge about the theoretical approaches to war and peace. • Be able to understand and differentiate between the concepts of positive and negative peace. 	
Teaching methods:	
Lectures and class discussion	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	Explaining and Studying War
2	Theorizing War in Major International Relations Perspectives
3	Wars from Classical Antiquity to the 21st Century
4	Traditional and Critical Geopolitics
5	Nationalism, Ethnicity and Wars Among and Within States
6	Just War Theory
7	Natural Resources and Armed Conflict
8	Privatizing War
9	Transforming the Conflict and War: Negotiation and Mediation
10	Aftermath of War: Peacebuilding and Peacekeeping
11	Normative Considerations for and Conditions of Peace
12	Democratic Peace Theory: Does Democracy Make for Peace?

13	Building Negative Peace: International Law and International Organizations
14	Building Positive Peace: Human Rights, Non-Violence and Peace Movements

Assessment methods:

Book review: 20%

Midterm exam: 30%

Final exam: 50%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					x
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					x
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					x
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations			x		
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					x
IR6	Understand the international legal framework			x		
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations			x		
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					

PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically					X
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					X
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences				X	
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					X
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public				X	
16	Understand, read, and write in English					X
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report				X	
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy			X		

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	70 hrs
Lectures	35 hrs
Class participation	5 hrs
Book review	36 hrs
Examinations (Midterm and final)	4 hrs

TOTAL 150 hrs (25X6) 6 ECTS

Prepared by : Instructor

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