

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number: POLS 201	Course Title: Introduction to International Politics
Required / Elective: Required	Pre / Co-requisites: -
Catalog Description: The rise and evolution of the nation-state system, the operation of balance of power, deterrence, coercion, conflict, diplomacy, crisis management, and the role of international law and institutions in inter-state relations	Textbook / Required Material : Joshua S. Goldstein and Jon C. Pevehouse, <i>International Relations</i> , 10th edition (New York: Pearson Longman, 2012)
Course Structure / Schedule: (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS	
<p>Extended Description:</p> <p>This course introduces students to the key concepts, theories, and issues in the field of International Relations. First, a number of fundamental concepts, such as anarchy, state, levels of analysis, and the security dilemma are discussed. Second, the major international relations approaches, such as realism, liberalism, and constructivism are examined. Finally, some of the major contemporary issues in international politics including, but not limited to, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, international law, and globalization are discussed.</p>	
Design content: None	Computer usage: Not required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a broad understanding of international politics. • Understand why international politics is different from domestic politics. • Analyze real world events in light of the major concepts and approaches in international politics. • Think, write, and speak more clearly and cogently about several issues in international politics. 	
Teaching methods: Lectures, class discussion, video clips, slides	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	Introduction
2	History of International Relations
3	Critical Concepts in International Relations: Power, State, and Security
4	Anarchy and Its Implications
5	Can We Alleviate Anarchy?
6	Can We Alleviate Anarchy?
7	Constructivism

8	Foreign Policy
9	Foreign Policy
10	Force, Conflict, and War
11	Terrorism
12	Weapons of Mass Destruction
13	International Organization and Law
14	Globalization
15	Conclusion

Assessment methods:

Class participation: 10%

Quizzes/Short assignments: 30%

Writing assignment: 15%

Final exam: 45%

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					
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					
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					X
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					
16	Understand, read, and write in English					X
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work				X	
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

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

Student workload:

Reading	56 hrs
Lectures	33 hrs
Class discussion	5 hrs
Written assignments	25 hrs
Examinations	6 hrs

TOTAL 125 hrs (25x5) 5 ECTS

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