

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number: IR 503	Course Title: Theories of International Relations
Required / Elective: Required	Pre / Co-requisites: -
Catalog Description: Various theories of international relations to understand the swiftly changing world politics. Idealism, Realism, Neo-realism and Neo-liberalism, The English School, Social Constructivism, Marxism, Critical Theory, feminism, post-Modernism	Textbook / Required Material : Reader provided by the instructor
Course Structure / Schedule: (3+0+0) 3 / 7 ECTS	
Extended Description: This graduate-level course is designed to introduce students to the major theoretical approaches and debates in International Relations. It will cover several approaches, including, but not limited to, Realism, Neoliberal Institutionalism, Democratic Peace Theory, and Constructivism. Classes will combine lectures with discussion.	
Design content: None	Computer usage: Required for assignments
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a very good understanding of the theoretical approaches to International Relations. • Develop a critical understanding of different theories and they will be able to compare and contrast them. • Acquire the necessary analytical tools to apply various theories of international relations to real world events. • 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	Overview of International Relations Theories
3	Realism I
4	Realism II
5	Liberalism I: International Institutions
6	The Neo-Neo Debate

7	Liberalism II: Democratic Peace
8	Liberalism III: Domestic Politics
9	Organizational and Bureaucratic Politics
10	Constructivism
11	The English School
12	Non-Western World and the Theories of International Relations
13	Progress in International Relations
14	Conclusion

Assessment methods:

Class participation: 15%

5 Review Essays: 40%

Final exam: 45%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
MIR1	Possess in-depth knowledge about the fundamental concepts and theories of the discipline of International Relations					x
MIR2	Be aware of the theoretical approaches related to the issues of the system, nation-state, institutions, culture, and power in world politics					x
MIR3	Follow closely the contemporary world conjuncture					x
MIR4	Be able to question the well-established knowledge and causal relationships in the field of International Relations					x
MIR5	Be aware of the shortcomings and gaps in the International Relations literature and be able to carry out research that addresses these gaps and shortcomings					x
MIR6	Comprehend various scientific research methods and be able to use these methods effectively				x	
MIR7	Be able to produce an original, scientific study in the field of International Relations				x	
MIR8	Be able to think independently, creatively, and critically					x
MIR9	Embrace work ethics and behave accordingly					x
MIR10	Be open-minded towards new phenomena that emerge in					x

	world politics and the politics of states					
MIR11	Have self confidence and acquire the ability to deliver presentations in public					X
MIR12	Be able to work together with individuals from different cultures, beliefs, and opinions			X		

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

Student workload:

Reading	100 hrs
Lectures	32 hrs
Class discussion	10 hrs
Review essays	30 hrs
Final exam	3 hrs

TOTAL 175 hrs (25x7) 7 ECTS

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