Syllabus
POLS1600
International Relations
2019

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I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
POLS1600
International Relations

Prerequisite: None

A survey of the actors, institutions, processes, and theories of international relations including a study of contemporary global issues.

4.5 quarter credit hours
3.0 semester credit hours

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES/COMPETENCIES

Course Will:
1. Acquaint students with various theories of international relations.

2. Develop student awareness of the history and evolving characteristics of sovereignty and national interest.

3. Develop student awareness of the rival political, military, and economic in global context.

4. Develop student awareness of religion, belief systems, and ideology in dynamics of cooperation and conflict.

5. Develop student awareness of the role of economic interdependence in international relations.

6. Develop student awareness of the sources and characteristics of international law.

7. Acquaint students with the role of global and regional organizations including government and non-governmental actors.

8. Acquaint students with emerging transnational issues such as terrorism, the drug trade, migration, and the environment.
III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Students will be able to:

For Objective 1
(a) Identify various theories of international relations.

For Objective 2
(a) Examine the history and evolving characteristics of sovereignty and national interest.

For Objective 3
(a) Identify and discuss rival political, military, and economic in global context.

For Objective 4
(a) Analyze religion, belief systems, and ideology in the dynamics of cooperation and conflict.

For Objective 5
(a) Assess the role of economic interdependence in international relations.

For Objective 6
(a) Identify the sources and characteristics of international law.

For Objective 7
(a) Differentiate the role of global and regional organizations including government and non-government actors.

For Objective 8
(a) Analyze emerging issues such as terrorism, the drug trade, migration and the environment.

IV. COURSE CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE

A. The origins and evolution of the international system

B. The state and nationalism

C. Foreign policy-making and levels of analysis in international relations

D. Competing transnational values and competing ideologies

E. International political economy

F. Power, force and conflict resolution in global politics

G. International organizations and law
V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A. Required Text(s) – Select one or more of the following:

1. International Politics on the World Stage
   ORourke, John
2. International Relations: Conflict and Cooperation at the Turn of the 21st Century
   Henderson (McGraw-Hill)
3. International Relations
   Pevehouse, Goldstein (Pearson)
4. Essentials of International Relations
   Karen Mingst
5. State of the World
   World Watch Institute

VI. METHOD OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

Instructors should make use of varied pedagogical techniques, including several of the following: lectures, small and large discussion groups, collaborative projects, research, essays, computer-assisted instruction, multimedia and field trips.

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Course grades, at the determination of instructor, will be based on class and group presentation, daily work, exams, presentations, projects, papers, and/or a portfolio. Instructor will distribute and discuss evaluation and her/his grading policies with students at the beginning of each term.

VIII. INSTITUTIONAL DEFINED SECTION

A. Other requirements as determined by instructor/college.
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