

International Relations

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Degree	Type	Year	Semester
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Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

Prerequisites

This course does not have academic prerequisites.

The student must have the habit of reading and consulting different channels of communication of general information, especially to follow international news, as well as opinion articles on global political issues.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This course has a basic training character. This means that it serves as a foundation from which international reality should be analyzed.

The basic objectives of the course are: that students know the fundamental concepts of the discipline, that they acquire analytical skills applicable to international relations; to become familiar with the set of processes and references that have shaped global contemporary society on a global scale; and, that they are able to express and defend orally and in writing their points of view on the most relevant international issues.

Competences

- Demonstrate adequate knowledge of the modern world and its recent historic development in terms of social, economic, political and cultural aspects.
- Develop critical thinking and reasoning and be able to relay them effectively in Catalan, Spanish and a third language.
- Respect the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
- Rigorously apply scientific thinking.
- Use a third language as a working language and means of professional expression in the media.
- Value diversity and multiculturalism as a foundation for teamwork.

Learning Outcomes

1. Develop critical thinking and reasoning and be able to relay them effectively in Catalan, Spanish and a third language.
2. Establish links between communicative knowledge and social sciences to understand international relations in the new context of globalisation.

3. Explain the state of the world and its recent historic development in the realm of international relations.
4. Know how to find the substance and relevance in documents linked to international relations.
5. Respect the diversity and plurality of ideas, people and situations.
6. Rigorously apply scientific thinking.
7. Value diversity and multiculturalism as a foundation for teamwork.

Content

This course (one semester) has a double objective: to familiarize students with the analysis tools of International Relations and offer information on international events. This (selected) information will help students, on the one hand, to know relevant facts at an international level and, on the other, to examine these facts within an analytical framework.

The course has been divided into three major blocks: "theory and concepts", "international system" and "global international society". Each of these blocks, in turn, is divided into several lessons or themes. Not all subjects or lessons will have an identical treatment (in terms of class hours). The content of the course will be sensitive to aspects related to the gender perspective.

Students must do a series of compulsory readings for each subject (as well as the two compulsory readings for the follow-up of the whole course), as well as any other reading that the teachers indicate to the students throughout the course (whether offered in paper or electronic format through the Campus Virtual). The readings, together with the material delivered in classes, will be the object of the evaluations. For the update of the topics, the follow-up of some yearbooks is recommended (see the final section with reference works). It is very important for students to have this combined system of work / classes in the classroom complemented by work (readings) that must be done outside the classroom to follow correctly the course and its content.

PROGRAMME

PART I. THEORY AND CONCEPTS

Topic 1. International relations as an area of study

1. The international problem: war and peace
2. Origin of the discipline: the social and intellectual impact of the First World War
3. Anglo-Saxon origin of the discipline: the framework of the social sciences
4. Idealistic substrate of the discipline: institutionalization and collective security
5. International society: object of study of international relations

Topic 2. International theory: the great traditions of thought

1. Hobbesian tradition: anarchy or state of nature
2. Grotain tradition: order or society of states
3. Kantian tradition: emancipation or world community

Topic 3. Theoretical approaches to international relations

1. Paradigms, mental maps or images of the world
2. Realism and analysis of the cold war
3. Transnationalism and global problems
4. Structuralism and underdevelopment
5. The theory of international relations in the post-Cold War

PART II. INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Topic 4. The actors of the international system (I)

1. Definition and elements of the system (actors, structure, dynamics and operating rules)
2. Definition of international actor
3. Classical typology and other typologies

4. The state: the system of states
5. Hierarchy in the system of states: the exercise of international power (the powers of the system)
6. Current typologies of states (failed states, pre-modern-modern-post-modern, etc.)

Topic 5. The actors of the international system (II)

1. International organizations (IGOs): definition and typology
2. IGOs: structure and decision-making mechanisms
3. Transnational forces: nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)
4. Transnational forces: transnational corporations (TNCs)
5. Impact of NGOs and TNCs in today's society

Topic 6. The dynamics of the international system: conflict and cooperation

1. The notion of conflict in Social Sciences
2. Typology of conflicts and map of international conflict
3. The notion of cooperation
4. Areas and forms of cooperation (formal vs. informal, bilateral vs. multilateral, public vs. private)
5. International architecture of development cooperation (OECD, UN, EU, etc.)

Topic 7. The structure of the international system

1. Evolution of the definition of power: traditional power, soft power, structural power
2. Polarity and distribution of power
3. Continuity and change in the system (debate on the causes of the end of the Cold War)

PART III. THE INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL SOCIETY

Topic 8. Presentation of the great dynamics of contemporary international society

1. The East-West fracture or split: The Cold War (CW) engine
2. The Center-Periphery fracture: Inequality
3. The stages of the CW system
4. The post-CW

Topic 9. Political order (I): From the CW Society to the post-CW

1. Diplomatic-military bipolarism: the block policy
2. The fragmentation of the system: emergence of a third block
3. Changes in the CW system: fall of the Berlin Wall, disappearance of the USSR, Balkan wars
4. The Society of the post-CW: change and continuity

Topic 10. Political order (II): The United Nations system

1. Genesis of the organization: San Francisco
2. Principles and purposes: The Charter of the United Nations
3. Institutional structure and decision-making mechanisms
4. International peace and security (chapters VI and VII of the Charter)
5. Economic and social progress, development

Topic 11. Economic order: The Bretton Woods system and the commercial order

1. USA: hegemonic power
2. Bretton Woods: principles and institutions of the system
3. Crisis of the Bretton Woods system
4. Post-IIWW trade order: from the GATT to the WTO
5. Neoliberal model: the Washington Consensus

Topic 12. Challenges of the global agenda in the 21st Century

1. The EU in the world

2. Security and terrorism
3. Environment
4. Human rights
5. Developing
6. Gender perspective in international relations
7. Access to information

Compulsory readings

- BARBÉ, Esther, *International Relations*, Madrid: Tecnos, 2007 (3rd edition). This book serves as a manual for the whole subject. It also includes a series of complementary readings (brief texts of political or analytical order) that must be made throughout the course following the instructions of the professor. In each of the chapters there is complementary bibliography on the subjects of the program.

- McMahon, Robert, *The Cold War. A brief introduction*, Madrid: Alianza, 2009. This book serves to follow the origins and evolution of the international Cold War system, very important for part III of the agenda (The International Global Society)

- Reading of the international section of the national and international press.

- Other readings that the teacher considers appropriate for the correct monitoring of the topics that make up the program. These readings include from news items to academic journals and can be delivered by the teacher in class, can be purchased at the Photocopies Service or can be found posted on the Virtual Campus.

Methodology

The dedication of the students to this subject is divided into several types of activities, each one of them with a determined weight of working hours. This variety of work forms materializes in differentiated methodologies.

-Activities in the classroom, with the presence of the teaching staff: master classes (with the support of ICT and with the possibility of developing debates in a large group); seminars to discuss the readings and documentaries in which cases, problems and examples related to the course syllabus will be analyzed.

- Supervised activities carried out by the students outside the classroom according to a work plan, designed and subsequently supervised and evaluated by the teaching staff. Students must: read and prepare texts; conduct group work consisting of gathering documentation on a specific international relations topic and write a report or a documentary

- Autonomous activities that the students do on their own and in accordance with the requirements of the course to successfully pass the course, can be basic and complementary readings, study of class notes or all those other activities that complement the training that is achieved in this course

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Debates and seminars on international conflicts and dynamics	17	0.68	6, 1, 5, 4, 7
Master classes with use of ICT and group discussions	34	1.36	1, 2, 3, 4
Type: Supervised			
Reading and preparation of texts that will be subject to control in class	8	0.32	2, 3, 4

Writing group report	13	0.52	6, 1, 5, 4, 7
Type: Autonomous			
Study of the syllabus of the course and complementary readings	56	2.24	2, 3, 4

Assessment

The evaluation of the subject is composed of the following parts:

- Attendance and participation in classes: The participation and attendance to the classes, practical activities, groups, seminars and debates programmed by the teachers are evaluable (5% of the final grade).

This grade is cumulative throughout the course and is not recoverable.

- Continuous assessment. The following activities will be evaluable throughout the course: each research group will make two presentations of their research topic (one of progress in session 9 and another of the final conclusions in session 14. The written report is handed over in the previous session: 13); two practical discussions in classes (session 6 and session 12) in small groups about international news and their respective written summary delivered at the end of the class; an individual written commentary on a text, documentary or international news presented in classes (session 10). (Everything adds up to 25% of the final grade).

The persons who for reasons of force majeure and with justification cannot participate in the indicated day of the evaluated activity may send an individual text on the same topic on the date agreed with the professor.

The content and evaluation criteria of each practical activity will be reviewed in classes and will be part of the course material. Likewise, students who want an individual review of their grades may reserve a meeting the week after the activity, during tutoring hours, for these purposes. If after this meeting the student keeps a grade lower than 5 in one of the practical activities evaluated and wants to recover it, an individual work will be defined to be sent 7 days after the meeting. In this case the evaluation may go up or down according to the result of this new work.

- Work in a research group that the teaching staff will assign individually to each group (from 5 to 6 members) in relation to the main topics of the current international agenda (35% of the final grade)

The date of delivery of the work will be session 14 (last in December). This group work is not recoverable.

- Written exam in the classroom where the whole program of the syllabus will be evaluated, including class notes, compulsory readings, class activities and the research topics of the groups presented in class (35% of the final grade).

The exam will be held in session 15 of the course (January).

In the event that the student suspends the exam, the student will have another recovery exam with the same conditions as the previous exam (same assessable subject). The other evaluations are kept for recovery. In no case the recovery exam will mean 100% of the course grade (it always represents 35%). The exam recovery will take place two weeks after the first exam, during the re-evaluation period.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Assistance and participation (classes, seminars and debates, text comments and other activities prepared by the teaching staff)	5%	0	0	6, 1, 2, 4
Continuous Evaluation: (Oral presentations of the research groups, small group discussions and written summary of the debate, comments and	25%	4	0.16	6, 1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 7

analysis of texts, documents or news assigned in class)

Group work related to a topic of the current international agenda	35%	15	0.6	6, 1, 2, 4, 7
Written exam in classroom on the totality of the content worked on in the programme (notes, obligatory readings and student research)	35%	3	0.12	2, 3, 4

Bibliography

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Mandatory readings

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Although they are not mandatory reading, the following are highly recommended:

- BAYLIS, John; SMITH, Steve. and OWENS, Patricia. (eds.), *The Globalization of World Politics. An introduction to international relations (Sixth Edition)*, Oxford University Press, 2014

- LUNDESTAD, Geir, *East, West, North, South. Major developments in International Politics since 1945 (Seventh Edition)*, SAGE, 2014

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