

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 206	Course Title : Diplomatic History II								
Required / Elective : Required	Pre / Co-requisites : POLS 205								
Catalog Description: The consequences of World War I and the international system between the two World Wars. The failure of the attempts to build a global security by the League of Nations; the "Great Depression" and the rise of fascism; developments leading to the disastrous World War II.	Textbook / Required Material : Course reader								
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS									
<p>Extended Description :</p> <p>This course studies the modern history of international relations since the 18th century to the present day. First it introduces students to the social and political circumstances, which led to the French Revolution. Then, it studies the rise of the nationalism and liberalism and its effects on the international system. The revolutions of 1848 demonstrate how ideology became a major force in international history during the course of the 19th century. The course then surveys the causes and the effects of the two world wars and the various approaches analyzing them. The Cold War and the Post-Cold War will be the focus of the latter part of the course. By completing this course the students will be familiarized with the major contours of the history of international relations in the modern era up to the present age. They will also acquire basic analytical skills of how to approach the study of this historical era.</p>									
Design content : None	Computer usage: None								
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, student will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaborate the reasons of conflicts • Grasp the formation of international organizations and its functions • Analyze the historical backgrounds of the current politics • Interpret the rise of nation-state and isolation policies of the states • Discover history and the daily politics relationship 									
<p>Teaching methods:</p> <p>Lectures with slides and mind-maps; discussions; movies related to the subject.</p>									
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4	1848 and Its Consequences
5	The Crimean War
6	German Unification and Bismarck
7	The Causes of the First World War: 1870-1918
8	The Great War
9	The Second World War
10	The Cold War – I
11	The Cold War – II
12	After the Cold War
13	After the Cold War
14	Contemporary World Politics
15	Review

Assessment methods:

Class participation 10 %

Quizzes 25 %

Midterm exam 30 %

Final exam 35 %

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					
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.)			x		
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					x
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					
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					
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					
16	Understand, read, and write in English					
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	33 hrs
Class discussion	10 hrs
Written assignments	31 hrs
Examinations (Quizzes and midterm)	6 hrs
TOTAL	150 hrs to match 25x6 ECTS
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