

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 442	Course Title : Conflict Resolution and Management						
Required / Elective : Elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -						
Catalog Description: Theories of conflict, international security and international organizations, ethnic and national conflict; dynamics of conflict escalation, management, settlement, and resolution; proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.	Textbook / Required Material : Peter Wallensteen, Understanding Conflict Resolution , London: Sage Publications, 2002.						
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 6 ECTS							
<p>Extended Description :</p> <p>This course focuses on the nature of deep-rooted (intractable) international, transnational and civil conflicts. It includes a broad review of the field, emphasizing major areas of theoretical interest, and describing the range of conflict resolution activities undertaken by the practitioners. The basic aim is to make students familiar with the concept and practices of conflict prevention, conflict management, conflict transformation and peace-building; the economic, political and psychological leitmotifs that drag human collectivities into confrontation; and the practices of the third parties trying to prevent, tame, transform and if possible prevent conflicts.</p>							
Design content : None	Computer usage: None						
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have knowledge about the analytical framework to analyze conflict and conflict resolution activities. • Explain the actors and steps in an international conflict. • List the prospective conflict zones. • List the mediation techniques. • Interpret the contemporary conflicts at different levels and through different contexts. • Point out the contemporary management problems of the conflicts and their solutions. 							
<p>Teaching methods:</p> <p>Lectures with slides and mind-maps; discussions; movies related to the subject.</p>							
<p>Assessment methods:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Final exam</td> <td align="right">50 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Class participation</td> <td align="right">20 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Quizzes, Take-Home Essay, Remark papers</td> <td align="right">30 %</td> </tr> </table>		Final exam	50 %	Class participation	20 %	Quizzes, Take-Home Essay, Remark papers	30 %
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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.)				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					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				x	
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			x		
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					x
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public					x
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					
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	11 hrs
Writing assignments	30 hrs
Examinations (Quizzes and midterm)	6 hrs

TOTAL 150 hrs to match 25x6 ECTS

Prepared by : Instructor

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