UNIVERSITY OF THE FRASER VALLEY

OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE (page 1)

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2013
COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:
COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: September 2019
(six years after UEC approval) *(month, year)*

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Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.
Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

POSC 460	**Political Science**	3
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS

Seminar in International Relations
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This reading intensive seminar course will examine the history and development of international relations as a field of study in political science. The course will explore traditional theories, concepts, and critical approaches to the field. As well, the course will explore the enduring issues and contemporary debates that have animated the field. In the process, students would be introduced to key thinkers, and the subfields of the discipline including security and multilateral governance, foreign policy, gender, and political economy.

PREREQUISITES: POSC 260 and 6 credits of 300-level POSC
COREQUISITES: NONE
PRE or COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces:
(b) Cross-listed with:
(c) Cannot take: for further credit.

SERVICE COURSE TO: *(department/program)*

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: **45**
STRUCTURE OF HOURS:
Lectures: **6** Hrs
Seminar: **39** Hrs
Laboratory: Hrs
Field experience: Hrs
Student directed learning: Hrs
Other (specify): Hrs

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:
Length of course:
Hours per day:

OTHER:
Maximum enrolment: **20**
Expected frequency of course offerings: EVERY OTHER YEAR
(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)	☒ Yes	☐ No
WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)	☒ Yes	☐ No
TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:	☐ Yes	☒ No

Course designer(s):	**Edward A. Akuffo**		
Department Head:	**Hamish Telford**	Date approved:	**March 2013**
Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)		Date of meeting:	**March 22, 2013**
Curriculum Committee chair:	**Tetsuomi Anzai**	Date approved:	**April 12, 2013**
Dean/Associate VP:	**Jacqueline Nolte**	Date approved:	**April 12, 2013**
Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval		Date of meeting:	**April 26, 2013**

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Detail the major developments in the field of international relations over the past 100 years
- Identify the major thinkers in the field and critically describe their contributions
- Demonstrate a critical understanding of the major approaches in the field of international relations
- Critically analyze the major debates and issues that have animated the field of international relations
- Apply advanced presentation and discursive skills
- Develop their research skills through critical reviews of articles/books by key thinkers in the field or major issues in international relations

METHODS: *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Methods will vary with instructors but will typically include lecture, classroom discussion, video presentations, and guest speakers.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

☐ Examination(s) ☐ Portfolio assessment ☐ Interview(s) ☐ Other (specify):

☒ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s): This is a course in academic apprenticeship and the knowledge gained in the course cannot be gained outside of the academy.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS: *[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts might be:]*

Agger, Ben. 1991. Critical Theory, Poststructuralism, Postmodernism: Their Sociological Relevance. *Annual Review of Sociology* 17(1) 105-31

Aron, Raymond. 1966. War and Peace: A Theory of International Relations. Garden City, NY: Doubleday & Company

Biersteker, Thomas J. 1989. Critical Reflections on Post-Positivism in International Relations. *International Studies Quarterly,* 33(3) 263-67

Booth, Ken. 1995. International Relations Theory Today. Polity Press

Booth, Ken (ed). 2005. Critical Security Studies and World Politics. Lynne Reinner Publishers

Cameron, G. Thies. 2004. Are two Theories better than One? A Constructivist Model of Neorealist-Neoliberal Debate. *International Political Science Review.* 25(2) 159-83

Carlsnaes, Walter. 1992. The Agency-Structure Problem in Foreign Policy Analysis. International Studies Quarterly 36(3) 245-70

Carr, Edward Hallet. 2001. The Twenty Years' Crisis, 1919-1939: An Introduction to the Study of International Relations

Cooper, Andrew and Agata Antkiewicz (eds). 2008. Emerging Powers in Global Governance: Lessons from the Heiligendamm Process. Waterloo: Wilfrid Laurier University Press

Cox, Robert. 1987. Production, Power and World Order: Social Forces in the Making of History. Columbia University Press

Bull, Hedley. 2012. Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics. Columbia University Press

Enloe, Cynthia. 2000. Bananas, Beaches and Bases: Making Feminist Sense of International Politics. University of California Press

Evans, Peter et al. 1985. Bringing the State back In. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Fanon, Francis. 1968. The Wretched of the Earth. NY: Grove Press

Fukuyama, Francis. 1992. The End of history and the Last Man. NY: Avar Books

Hoffman, Mark. 1987. Critical Theory and the Inter-Paradigm Debate. *Millennium* 16(2) 231-49

Holsti, Kalevi Jaakko. 2004. Taming the Sovereigns: Institutional Change in International Politics. Cambridge University Press

Katzenstein, Peter (ed). 1996. The Culture of National Security: Norms and Identity in World Politics. NY: Columbia University Press

Keck, Margaret and Kathryn Sikkink. 1998. Activists Beyond Borders: Advocacy Networks and International Politics. Cornell University Press

Textbooks, References, Materials continued:

Keohane, Robert. O (ed). 1986. Neorealism and Its Critics. Columbia University Press.

Keohane, Robert O. and Joseph Nye. 2012. Power and Interdependence 4th Edition. Longman

Lapid, Yosef. 1989. The Third Debate: On the Prospects of International Theory in a Post-Positivist Era. *International Studies Quarterly* 33(3) 235-54

Maersheimer, John. 2001. The Tragedy of Great Power Politics. Norton

Morgenthau, Hans. 2006. Politics Among Nations: The Struggle for Power and Peace. McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

Onuf, Nicholas. 1989. World of Our Making. University of South Carolina Press

Rosenau, James and Ernst Otto Czempiel (eds). 1992. Governance Without Government. Cambridge University Press

Sylvester, Christine. 1994. Feminist Theory and International Relations in a Postmodern Era. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Waltz, Kenneth, 1979. A Theory of International Politics. McGraw-Hill

Walzer, Michael. 2006. Just and Unjust Wars: A Moral Argument with Historical Illustrations. Basic Books

Wendt, Alexander. 1999. Social Theory in International Politics. Cambridge University Press

Wight, Martin. "Why is there no International Theory?" In Herbert Butterfield and Martin Wight (eds). *Diplomatic Investigations*. Allen & Unwin

Wight, Martin. 1991. International Theory: The Three Traditions. Leicester University Press

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS: None

STUDENT EVALUATION: *[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]*

Participation	10%
Presentations	30%
Theme essays (Critical reviews)	20%
Research paper	40%

COURSE CONTENT: *[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]*

Week 1: Introduction to International Relations

Theory and Analysis of War and Conflict
Week 2: Liberalism and Realism
Week 3: Neoliberalism and Neorealism
Week 4: Critical theory, Poststructuralism, and Postmodernism
Week 5: Feminist Interventions
Week 6: Constructivism, Culture, and Identity in world politics

Foreign Policy and International Cooperation
Week 7: Regime theory, multilateralism, and world orders
Week 8: Humanitarian Intervention and International Law
Week 9: Regional and Global Governance

Political Economy and Development
Week 10: Marxism, Dependency, and World Economy
Week 11: Emerging Powers and the World Economy
Week 12: Postcolonialism and North/South Debate

Conclusion
Week 13: Paradigm Shift: From International to Global Politics?