

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-300 Conflict Theory

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL-300	Conflict Theory	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This course will introduce students to the field of conflict analysis and resolution. It will examine definitions of conflict and diverse views of its resolution. It also explores thinking about human behaviour and social systems as they relate to the origins of conflict and to the role of conflict in violent and peaceful social change. Appropriate responses to conflict at interpersonal, intergroup, industrial, communal, and international levels are also considered.

Instructor

Dr Farid Mirbagheri

Course Aims and Objectives

This course aims to provide a theoretical background to the study of conflict in general and conflict in the sphere of human activity in particular. Why conflicts are born, how they are conducted are how they can be managed, settled or resolved are the three basic questions that come into the focus of the course.

Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures, class discussions and project(s).

Course Teaching Hours

42 hours (42 hours lectures/lab presentations/lab tutorials). The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

Evaluation and Grading

Class Participation: 0-5%
Homework/Project(s): 10-20%
Test(s): 40-50%
Final Exam: 40-50%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

CR Mitchell: Structure of International Conflict.

Recommended Reading

MH Banks (ed): Conflict in World Society

JW Burton: Resolving Deep-Rooted Conflict

L Freedman: War

MI Midlarsky (ed): Handbook of War Studies

CR Mitchell: Structure of International Conflict

J Stossinger: Why Nations go to War