

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: PSCI-344 International Politics

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
PSCI-344	International Politics	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

Course Description

This course provides a general analysis of the contemporary international system and the forces that mould relationships between states and other groups at an international level. The course focuses on international politics and relations in this twentieth century. Three approaches are briefly examined. Firstly the 'realist' power politics, which has dominated the events of this century in terms of power, resources and wealth. The second approach is the 'structuralist' approach which describes how international frameworks control the distribution of wealth and power. The third approach is that of the 'pluralists'. This attempts to explain world events at an individual level, rather than from a power or structure level.

Instructor

Dr F. Mirbagheri

Course Aims and Objectives

The course aims to provide the student with a greater understanding of the many factors that have moulded the world system, in order to give them an overview of the social, political and economic forces that have influenced twentieth century history and the contemporary international system. This will provide them with a contextual basis for more specialized studies of the above.

Teaching Methods

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

Course Teaching Hours

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

Evaluation and Grading

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

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

KJ Holst: International Politics, 1994

Recommended Reading

KW Deutch: The Analysis of International Relations

M. Light & AJR Groom: International Relations-A Handbook of Current Theory

C. Brown: International Relations Theory: New Normative Approaches