Course Information
Division: Humanities/ Social Sciences
Contact Hours: 45
Total Credits: 3

Prerequisites: POLSC 151 or HIST 154 or HIST 155

Course Description
Students will examine the fundamental and persistent forces which influence world politics and the foreign policies of states. Through theoretical, ideological and pragmatic approaches, students will explore the historical, economic, geographical, social and cultural phenomena that impact international politics. This course is a satisfier course for the Global Studies Degree Designation.

Course Outcomes
In order to evidence success in this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify/Recognize the interconnection of all the actors in the international system and the effects of each on one another.
2. Identify/Recognize the major trends in the evolving world system from the birth of states to the present.
3. Identify/Recognize the multidimensional characteristics of power.
4. Identify/Recognize international legal issues and how changes in the world system have affected these issues.
5. Identify/Recognize the main elements of the "cooperation or conflict" dimension of world politics.
6. Identify/Recognize the role of economics, both domestic and international, in international relations.
7. Identify/Recognize the global challenges to the international system.
8. Identify/Recognize the three levels of analysis utilized in the study of world politics.
9. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to think critically, creatively, and comprehensively about the issues facing the international system through oral class presentations.
10. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to present an analytical discourse of a scholarly journal article pertinent to international issues by submitting four written four page journal summaries.
11. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to research and critically assess in a ten-page paper a country or region of the world with emphasis placed on events or phenomena (whether historical, domestic, international, or economic) and their impact within and upon the global community.
12. Demonstrate/Practice the ability to critically debate issues pertinent to international politics.

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