

POL 220 International Relations

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Prerequisites: ENG 002 or DRE 097; or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course is a study of the effects of ideologies, trade, armaments, and alliances on relations among nation-states. Emphasis is on regional and global cooperation and conflict, economic development, trade, non-governmental organizations, and international institutions such as the World Court and United Nations. Upon completion, students should be able to identify and discuss major international relationships, institutions, and problems. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.*

Course Hours per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the theories and practices of international relations.
2. Discuss the history and development of nation-states, the balance of power, anarchy and sovereignty.
3. Discuss the patterns of conflict and cooperation among nation-states, the concept of war, foreign relations among nation-states, first world nations vs. third world countries, the cold war and post-cold war eras, the function of international law, the impact of international governmental and non-governmental organizations.
4. Discuss international economic relations, the problems of the global environment, the pressures of population and migration, and the impact of the internet on international relations.

OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:

- I. Approaches to International Relations
- II. The Historical Context
- III. International Relations Theories
- IV. The International System
- V. The State
- VI. The Individual
- VII. International Organizations
- VIII. War and Security
- IX. International Political Economy
- X. Human Rights
- XI. Transnational Issues

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:

The textbook and other instructional material will be determined by the instructor.