

Department: Political Science

Course Number: Political Science 2221

Course Name: Introduction to International Relations

Objectives

1. Introduce students to the study of international relations and politics.

Outcomes

1. Survey theoretical perspectives and apply them to world events
2. Student can synthesize the interrelations between important events in global history and their context in today's world.
3. Understand the chief problems, actors, and structures of international politics

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

1. Correct answers to multiple choice and matching questions, and short answer questions on four exams. Answers require organized paragraphs, logical thought processes, and application of concepts to given scenarios.
2. Completion of map questions on four exams.
3. In class quizzes over reading material, and in class assignments/activity for simulation/game playing/ etc to understand how governments function: run through an example of the European Union, play the game of Risk ("mission Risk") to examine international interactions.

2. Develop critical thinking, effective speaking and writing skills, foster a global understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity, difference and inequality.

Outcomes

1. Student can synthesize the interrelations between important events in global history and their context in today's world.
2. Students can communicate effectively.

Assignments that demonstrate accomplishment of this outcome:

1. Correct answers to multiple choice and matching questions, and short answer questions on four exams. Answers require organized paragraphs, logical thought processes, and application of concepts to given scenarios.
2. Student debates: each student must participate in the debate once/semester, and serve as a audience member/ask questions for the other debates
3. Two short "thought papers" per semester. Student must make a logical argument. Organization, grammar, and proper citation/bibliography count.