



CURRICULUM GUIDE: OFFICIAL COURSE OUTLINE

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| Course Code | POLI 200 | Course Title | Introduction to World Politics | | | |
| Credit Value | 3 | Department | Social Sciences | | | |
| No. of weeks | 14 | Hrs. per week | <i>Lecture</i> | <i>Tutorial</i> | <i>Laboratory</i> | <i>Total</i> |
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| Course Description | This course will introduce students to mainstream and critical theories of world politics and their application to current and historical case-studies. It focuses on nation-states, international organizations, civil society, economic actors, and individuals in global politics. Geo-political events since the end of the Cold War have led to a shift in the concept of nation-state, marking a fundamental change in the nature of world politics. | | | | | |
| Prerequisite(s) | ENGL 099, POLI 100 | | | | | |
| Initial Articulation Targets | <i>UBC</i> | <i>SFU</i> | <i>UVic</i> | <i>UNBC</i> | <i>TRU</i> | |
| | POLI 260 (3) | POL 2XX (3) | POLI 240 (1.5) | INTS 100 (3) | POLI 2600 (3) | |
| | For updated information on the transferability of this course, please consult the BC Transfer Guide, www.bctransferguide.ca | | | | | |
| Learning Outcomes | <p>Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and summarize major theories and models in world politics Critically assess the political influence of various political strategies Describe and synthesize research on world politics Demonstrate critical thinking and analysis in written assignments Synthesize political science, political theory, history, political economy, and other related subjects and subfields within world politics in a variety of assessments such as papers, assignments, presentations, etc.. | | | | | |
| Content | <p>Core topics – all of the following will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainstream theories (realism, liberalism, constructivism, Marxism) Critical theories (feminism, critical race theory, deconstructing the state) Epochs of modern world politics (Wars of religion, European state formation, colonialism and imperialism, World Wars I and II, the interwar years, the Cold War, globalization, the War on Terror) Global environmental issues Political economy and trade International institutions Nuclear deterrence, proliferation, and arms control Diplomacy Non-state actors, non-governmental organizations, militant groups | | | | | |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transnational corporations <p>Additional topics may also be covered, at the discretion of the instructor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam War and US-Pakistan relations case studies • The rise of China, India, and the Third World • Soft/cultural power | | |
| Methods of Instruction | Lectures, class debate and discussions, audio visual presentations, small group work, regular reflective submissions, individual work on assignments. | | |
| Required Textbook(s) | The following textbook(s) is/are required, or approved equivalent(s). Boyer, M., et al. Global Politics – Applying Theory to a Complex World. Oxford University Press. New York. 2020 | | |
| Required Equipment and Technology | Students are required to have a computer with internet access. The following resources are provided by the College: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office 365 • Student email | | |
| Homework Hours | At minimum, students can expect one hour of homework for every hour of instructional time. | | |
| Evaluation | <i>Component</i> | <i>% Value</i> | |
| | In-class activities and debates | 10-20% | |
| | Weekly responses | 15-25% | |
| | Midterm examination | 15-20% | |
| | Research essay | 20-25% | |
| Final examination | 25-30% | | |
| Completion Requirements | The minimum grade to pass this course is D (50%). Unless otherwise stated, a minimum grade of C- (55%) is required for this course to fulfil a prerequisite. | | |
| Course Designer(s) | S. Jovian Radheshwar, Ph.D., Department of Political Science, Douglas College | Consultant(s), <i>if applicable</i> | |
| Dean's Approval | Barbara Moon, Ph.D. Dean of Arts and Sciences | Dean's Approval Date | February 17, 2021 |
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