

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:					
IR 4145 SENIOR THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS – UK LEVEL 6 (Spring 2018)					
UK CREDITS: 15 US CREDITS: 3/0/3					
PREREQUISITES:	Students must have completed 90 credits IR 3220 Research Methods in International Relations				
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	Research in European and international relations problems and developments. Systematic and critical study of their key concepts and arguments. Appreciation of the historical context and the impact on contemporary political reality.				
RATIONALE:	This is the capstone course of the International Relations and European Affairs programme, which offers students the opportunity to enhance their research methods as well as their originality in thinking through an analysis of a problem and a well-argued position in support of its resolution. Students are expected to engage in an independent research activity. Indispensable to all future international relations professionals as well as those who wish to continue with postgraduate studies.				
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	As a result of taking this module, the student should be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss a core issue in International Relations and European affairs. 2. Critically evaluate the arguments concerning contemporary international issues and phenomena. 3. Analyze problems related to European and international problems. 4. Formulate and synthesize different theoretical frameworks on International Relations and European Affairs. 				
METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are assigned an individual tutor in order to do independent research. - Use of student presentation of international relations issues through primary sources and secondary sources. - Office hours: Students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their tutor, where they can discuss their thesis material. - Use of a Blackboard site, where tutors can post research paper instructions, timely announcements, and additional resources. - Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for their research paper. - Students will also be supported by a second tutor who is an expert in the chosen field, if such a need arises. 				
ASSESSMENT:	<p>Summative:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Research paper (5,000-5,500 words) Literature Review/Methodology/Interpretation of issues/Critical evaluation of positions (Topic to be chosen by students in consultation with the academic staff)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">85%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Presentation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Formative:</p>	Research paper (5,000-5,500 words) Literature Review/Methodology/Interpretation of issues/Critical evaluation of positions (Topic to be chosen by students in consultation with the academic staff)	85%	Presentation	15%
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INDICATIVE READING:	<p data-bbox="638 352 899 380">REQUIRED READING:</p> <ul data-bbox="678 384 1446 499" style="list-style-type: none"> - Given the independent nature of this module which involves the writing of a thesis paper, no prescribed readings can be given. The reading list is determined by the chosen topic of each student. <p data-bbox="638 533 971 560">RECOMMENDED READING:</p> <ul data-bbox="678 564 1373 621" style="list-style-type: none"> - Secondary literature relevant to the research topic chosen. - Cf. Above 				
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: <i>(e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)</i>	<p data-bbox="638 684 964 711">REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A</p> <p data-bbox="638 774 982 802">RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:</p>				
COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Research proposal for a chosen topic submitted in Word using appropriate terminology				
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Microsoft Word				
WWW RESOURCES:	<ul data-bbox="678 1050 1442 1199" style="list-style-type: none"> - http://foreignaffairs.com - http://foreignpolicy.com - http://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage_en - http://iiss.org - http://www.state.gov/ 				
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	No indicative outline is provided, since this will depend on the research topic chosen.				