

**DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:**

**PO 3031 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**(Spring 2021)**

**UK LEVEL: 5**  
**UK CREDITS: 15**  
**US CREDITS: 3/0/3**

**PREREQUISITES:**

None.

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

The international system of states. Nature and limitations of international law. Factors affecting prestige and power. Balance of power and balance of fear. War and diplomacy. Cultural relations in historical perspective.

**RATIONALE:**

This course, which examines the nature and framework of political activity at the international level, should prove useful in the contemporary age of globalization.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to:  
1. Analyze the international system of states and the conditions under which order is maintained.  
2. Examine the basic features of the international system such as Balance of Power, War, International Law, Diplomacy.  
3. Outline and evaluate current problems in international relations.  
4. Discuss various theories of International Relations in connection with major international phenomena.

In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used:  
- Classes consist of lectures and interactive learning (class discussions on contemporary as well as historical cases).  
- Office hours: Students are encouraged to make full use of the office hours of their instructor, where they can discuss the course material.  
- Use of a Blackboard site, where instructors can post lecture notes assignment instructions, timely announcements, and additional resources.  
- Use of library facilities: Students are encouraged to make use of the library facilities for further study as well as for preparation for the exams.

**ASSESSMENT:**

**Summative:**

Case discussion – <b>formative</b>	0
1 <sup>st</sup> Assessment: Written examination essay-type questions (1 hour)	40%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Assessment: Research project (2,500-3,000 words)	60%

**Formative:**

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<p data-bbox="196 352 542 382"><b>INDICATIVE READING:</b></p>	<p data-bbox="639 352 954 382"><b>REQUIRED READING:</b></p> <p data-bbox="639 390 1442 457">Dunne, T., Milja, K., Smith, S. (eds.) <i>International Relations Theories</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016).</p> <p data-bbox="639 466 1442 567">Boucher, David, <i>Political Theories of International Relations (From Thucydides to the Present)</i>, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999).</p> <p data-bbox="639 609 1042 638"><b>RECOMMENDED READING:</b></p> <p data-bbox="639 646 1442 714">Barnett, Michael, Finnemore, Martha. <i>The World: International Organizations in Global Politics</i>. Cornell University Press, 2004.</p> <p data-bbox="639 722 1331 789">Bull, Hedley. <i>The Anarchical Society</i>. Columbia University Press, 2002.</p> <p data-bbox="639 798 1442 865">Drezner, Daniel W. <i>All Politics Is Global: Explaining International Regulatory Regimes</i>. Princeton University Press, 2008.</p> <p data-bbox="639 873 1442 940">Gilpin, Robert. <i>War and Change in World Politics</i>, Cambridge University Press, 1983.</p> <p data-bbox="639 949 1409 978">Goldstein, Joshua S. <i>International Relations</i>. Harper Collins, 2001.</p> <p data-bbox="639 987 1442 1054">Jackson R., Sørensen, G. <i>Introduction to International Relations</i> (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), 6<sup>th</sup> Edition.</p> <p data-bbox="639 1062 1442 1129">Olson, William Clinton. <i>The Theory and Practice of International Relations</i>. Prentice-Hall 1994.</p> <p data-bbox="639 1138 1442 1205">Karns, Margaret P. <i>International Organizations</i>, Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2009.</p> <p data-bbox="639 1213 1442 1281">Keohane, Robert O. <i>After Hegemony: Cooperation and Discord in the World Political Economy</i>, Princeton University Press, 2005.</p> <p data-bbox="639 1289 1331 1356">Keohane, Robert E., &amp; Joseph S. Nye, Joseph S. <i>Power and Interdependence</i>. Longman, 2000.</p> <p data-bbox="639 1365 1442 1432">Shelling, Thomas C. <i>The Strategy of Conflict</i>, Harvard University Press, 1981.</p> <p data-bbox="639 1440 1442 1507">Waltz, Kenneth N. <i>Theory of International Politics</i>. Waveland Pr. Inc, 2010.</p>		
<p data-bbox="196 1583 565 1612"><b>INDICATIVE MATERIAL:</b></p> <p data-bbox="196 1621 607 1688"><i>(e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)</i></p>	<p data-bbox="639 1583 1039 1612"><b>REQUIRED MATERIAL:</b> N/A</p> <p data-bbox="639 1654 1127 1684"><b>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL:</b> N/A</p>		
<p data-bbox="196 1722 477 1789"><b>COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:</b></p>	<p data-bbox="639 1722 1256 1751">Verbal skills using academic / professional English.</p>		
<p data-bbox="196 1822 454 1890"><b>SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:</b></p>	<p data-bbox="639 1822 711 1852">Word.</p>		

<b>WWW RESOURCES:</b>	<a href="http://www.bu.edu/ir/index.html">www.bu.edu/ir/index.html</a> <a href="http://www.irtheory.com/">http://www.irtheory.com/</a> <a href="http://www.irtheory.com/links5.htm">http://www.irtheory.com/links5.htm</a> <a href="http://www.irtheory.com/links4.htm">http://www.irtheory.com/links4.htm</a> <a href="http://www.irtheory.com/links2.htm">http://www.irtheory.com/links2.htm</a> <a href="http://www.irtheory.com/links6.htm">http://www.irtheory.com/links6.htm</a>
<b>INDICATIVE CONTENT:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Diversity and Disciplinarity in International Relations Theory</b></li> <li>➤ <b>International Relations and Social Science</b></li> <li>➤ <b>IR Theories</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Empirical Realism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thucydides' <i>History</i></li> <li>- Machiavelli, <i>Human Nature and the Exemplar of Rome</i></li> <li>- The Priority of the Secular: The Medieval Inheritance and Machiavelli's Subordination of Ethics to Politics.</li> <li>- Inter-Community and International Relations in Hobbes</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Structural Realism</li> <li>○ Liberalism</li> <li>○ Neoliberalism</li> <li>○ The English School</li> <li>○ Marxism</li> <li>○ Hegel's Theory of International Relations</li> <li>○ Critical Theory</li> <li>○ Constructivism</li> <li>○ Feminism</li> <li>○ Poststructuralism</li> <li>○ Postcolonialism</li> <li>○ Normative International Relations Theory</li> <li>○ Green Theory</li> <li>○ Identity, Human Rights and the Extensions of the Moral Community: the Political Theory of International Relations in the Twentieth Century.</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>Policies &amp; Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ International Relations Theory and Globalization</li> <li>○ Foreign Policy</li> <li>○ Key issues in contemporary IR</li> </ul> </li> </ul>