



Course title	Introduction to International Relations
Course Code	GOV205.1
Category (core/elective)	Core
Level	LLB in European Law and BA in European Law and Governance
Duration (semesters)	1
Semester when taught (autumn/spring)	Autumn
ECTS	6
Prerequisites	None
Responsible	Professor Andreas Gofas
Course objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop a broad understanding of some of the most important ideas, issues and events in international relations, particularly in the period since World War I.• Distinguish major theoretical perspectives on international politics and compare their value for the analysis of specific problems, as well as their basic assumptions and the worldviews they generate.• Identify main actors in international politics and relate them to the contexts in which they operate.	
Course Description	
<p>This course provides a broad introduction to the study of International Relations (IR). As a field of study, IR focuses on the political, military, economic, and cultural interaction of state and non-state actors at the global level. The field therefore encompasses a diverse array of topics, from the causes of war to the politics of development, from nuclear proliferation and efforts to halt it to challenges for the world's environment and natural resources. The main aims of this module are both to introduce you to some of the main issues of international politics and to make you familiar with different ways to analyze these issues. This means that a substantial part of the course is devoted to the introduction of the main theoretical traditions of IR and the concepts they use. Studying IR is theoretical and one of the central</p>	

messages throughout the course is that different theoretical approaches generate different images of the world. Therefore, while you may think you know what the current problems of international politics are and how to solve them, one of the aims of this course is to alert you to other ways of seeing things.

Course Outline

STUDYING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

1. Why Study International Relations (IR)?
2. How to Study IR? Concepts for and Levels of Analysis in IR

THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS

3. The Realist Tradition
4. The Liberal Tradition
5. The Constructivist Tradition
6. IR Theory and Foreign Policy Analysis

HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS

7. The Rise of the Modern International System
8. World War I: World on Fire
9. World War II: Why Did War Happen Again?
10. The Origins and End of the Cold War

FACING THE FUTURE

11. Rising Powers and the Emerging Global Order
12. The Shape of Things to Come

Educational Outcomes

- Knowledge of the major theories and approaches in the discipline of IR.
- Ability to critically evaluate and apply such theories and approaches.
- Knowledge of foundational events of and substantive themes in IR.
- Ability to analyse world politics from a variety of perspectives.

<p>Basic Textbook(s)</p>	<p>John Baylis, Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens (eds), <i>The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations</i>, 7th edition, Oxford University Press, 2016.</p>
<p>Basic Bibliography</p>	<p>Joseph Grieco, G. John Ikenberry, Michael Mastanduno, <i>Introduction to International Relations: Enduring Questions and Contemporary Perspectives</i>, Palgrave 2014.</p> <p>Robert Jackson and Georg Sørensen, <i>Introduction to International Relations: Theories and Approaches</i>, 6th edition, Oxford University Press, 2015.</p> <p>Henry R. Nau, <i>Perspectives on International Relations:</i></p>

	<p><i>Power, Institutions, and Ideas</i>, 5th edition, SAGE 2017.</p> <p>Steven L. Spiegel, Elizabeth G. Matthews, Jennifer M. Taw, and Kristen P. Williams, <i>World Politics in a New Era</i>, 6th edition, Oxford University Press, 2014.</p>								
Additional Bibliography	Each chapter of your assigned basic textbook contains a guide to further reading on the subject that it covers. You are encouraged to refer to it for your paper assignments.								
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Traineeship	No								
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