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JINAN UNIVERSITY

Introduction to International Relations

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Time: Monday through Friday (June 19, 2017-July 21, 2017)

Teaching hour: 50 hours

Credit: 4

Location: Management School

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Course Description

“Introduction to World Politics” (also called “global politics” or “international relations”) focuses on the principal theories, actors, institutions, processes, and power relations in world politics.

The course will introduce important theoretical perspectives used to analyze problems, processes, and events in world politics.

Topics to be examined include various actors in the global arena, political economy, security threats and avenues to peace, and globalizations.

Course Overview

Images broadcast daily by global news sources and events such as terrorist attacks, wars, and famines around the world confirm that the global arena presents a bewildering array of challenges to national and international leaders and ordinary citizens. Is there is some rhyme or reason behind such disparate factors as global terrorism, nuclear weapons proliferation, human trafficking, the activities of the Red Cross and transnational corporations, student exchange programs, and the internet? This course presents theories, frameworks, and concepts as well as empirical information to facilitate your understanding of the major actors, structures and processes of past and contemporary international relations.

Course Objectives

A student who satisfactorily completes this course should:

1. Be knowledgeable regarding the primary paradigms, theories, and concepts used by scholars, analysts, and practitioners to understand world politics.
2. Be aware of the plethora of actors participating in world politics including states, intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, corporations, and individuals.
3. Be acquainted with specific challenges to global security and the phenomena of globalizations.
4. Demonstrate knowledge concerning various paths to peace including promotion of human rights, international law, and international organizations.
5. Improve their oral and written English-language skills.

Required Textbook

Baylis, John and Steve Smith, and Patricia Owens, *The Globalization of World Politics: An Introduction to International Relations*. Seventh Edition. December 2016
ISBN: 9780198739852

Course Hours

The course has 25 sessions in total. Each class session is 120 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday.

Course Evaluation

- Midterm examination (25%)
- Final examination (25%)
- “Controversy” assignment (25%)
- Attendance and daily assignments (25%)

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

Definition	Letter Grade	Score
Excellent	A	90-100
Good	B	80-89
Satisfactory	C	70-79
Poor	D	60-69
Failed	E	Below 60

Course Schedule

Week 1

Course Introduction

The Framework of International Relations after World War II

Theories of International Relations

Week 2

The Powerful + Rich States

Weak and Poor States

Week 3

War and Security

Global Political Economy

The United Nations and International Law

Midterm exam

Week 4

Global Security Challenges

Inequality and Human Rights

Week 5

Globalization in the Twenty-First Century

Friday: Final exam

Academic Honesty

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