Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: POS 202 (IAI S5 904)
Course Title: International Relations

Department: Arts, Media, and Social Sciences
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 45.0901
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 3**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Introduction to politics of international state system from its historical roots to contemporary events: arms control, transnationalism, United Nations, international finance, and southern hemispheric development.

General Course Objectives

To provide students with knowledge of and appreciation for the politics of nation-states.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
None	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

2-5 exams, 8-13 quizzes or short essays, and approximately 300 pages of reading.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Perspectives on International Relations: Powers, Institutions, and Ideas, by Henry Nau. Current edition. 978-1-5443-7439-0

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Introduction: Concepts, Background	1. Explain basic terms and concepts of international politics. 2. Explain and describe significant events in the growth of the Western state system.	12	0	0
International Organizations	1. Explain basic terms, concepts, and roles related to international organizations.	6	0	0
Euro-centric Perspectives: U.S. and Russia, EU	1. Describe the primary aspects of U.S., Russian, and European foreign politics. 2. Explain the significance of recent democratization movements in these regions.	9	0	0
Non-Western Perspectives: Asia, Middle East and Africa	1. Describe the central characteristics of non-Western foreign policies. 2. Explain the factors behind the economic growth and development of these areas.	9	0	0
International Economics and Law: Background, Post WW II, International Law	1. Explain the importance of the post-World War II Bretton Woods agreement. 2. Explain basic terms and concepts in international law. 3. Describe and explain the limits of international legal authority.	9	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0