

Introduction to World Politics (K000967)

Due to Covid 19, the education and evaluation methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

Course size	<i>(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)</i>		
Credits 6.0	Study time 180 h	Contact hrs	45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023

A (semester 2)	Dutch	Gent	online discussion group	5.0 h
			guided self-study	2.5 h
			lecture	37.5 h

Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023

Van de Graaf, Thijs	PS03	lecturer-in-charge
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Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023

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Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Arabic and Islamic Studies)	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China (China Track))	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject China (UGent Track))	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject India)	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures (main subject Japan)	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in African Languages and Cultures	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Moral Sciences	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in History	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in East European Languages and Cultures	6	A
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy	6	A
Bachelor of Science in Political Science	6	A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

World politics, international relations, diplomacy, globalization

Position of the course

This course offers a first encounter with the study of international relations. It introduces the first building blocks of a historically and theoretically grounded framework to analyze and interpret world politics.

This course contributes to the competences B.1.1; B.1.2; B.1.3; B.2.1.; B.5.1 of the degree program for Bachelor of Arts in the Political Sciences.

Contents

Why is there war? Does economic globalization represent the demise of the state? Can transnational problems such as climate change and terrorism be overcome through international cooperation? Is the world ruled by might or by right? This is only the beginning of a long list of enduring questions in world politics that this course seeks to address.

The course is structured in three main parts:

- 1 Conceptual, historical and theoretical building blocks
- 2 Actors (the respective role of states, individuals, international organizations, NGOs)
- 3 Themes (war and peace, international political economy, global governance)

During classes, the theories and insights will be illustrated by referring to current events.

Initial competences

None

Final competences

- 1 Acquire the core concepts in the study of international relations.
- 2 Grasping the essence of and acquiring critical insight into the actors and mechanisms of international relations.
- 3 Having developed the essential notions of the history and historical recurrences in world politics

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Guided self-study, lecture, online discussion group

Extra information on the teaching methods

For this course, students need to study a textbook and attend lectures. They can ask questions in class or on an online moderated forum.

because of COVID19, modified forms of work can be rolled out if this proves necessary

Learning materials and price

Grieco, J., Ikenberry, G.J., Mastanduno, M., Introduction to International Relations, 2nd edition. Palgrave Macmillan. Geschatte aankoopprijs: €44.99.

References

See references in textbook

Course content-related study coaching

Interactive support through Ufora (forums, FAQ, e-mail).

Faculty Tutoring Service: Kaat Teerlinck

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period

Written examination with open questions, written examination with multiple choice questions, written examination

Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period

Written examination with open questions

Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation**

not applicable

Extra information on the examination methods

Written examination with both open questions and multiple choice questions

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic assessment (100%)