

## Introduction to World Politics (K000967)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 6.0**

**Study time 180 h**

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2024-2025**

A (semester 2)

Dutch

Gent

lecture

independent work

**Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025**

Lesage, Dries

PS03

lecturer-in-charge

De Keersmaecker, Goedele

PS03

co-lecturer

**Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025**

**crdts**

**offering**

**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**

Lecture, Independent work

### **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*

### **Study material**

None

### **References**

See references in textbook

### **Course content-related study coaching**

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

Faculty Tutoring Service: Kaat Teerlinck

### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Written assessment with multiple-choice questions, Written assessment with open-ended questions, Written assessment

### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Written assessment with open-ended questions

### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

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%)