

History of World Politics (1815 - now) (K000986)

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 in academic year 2022-2023

Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023

Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023	crdts	offering
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Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

International relations – political history

Position of the course

This educational component offers a historical framework for the period 1815-present. It links up with general knowledge on overall trends, concepts and institutions of world politics acquired in the component 'Introduction to World Politics' (1BA). This component will help to situate historically knowledge obtained elsewhere in the program.

Contents

The course provides an in-depth overview of the international political history from 1815 until ca. 2015. The emphasis lays on the policy of the major powers. The main purpose of the course is to offer political science-informed explanations for events and developments. Even though the course extensively discusses interactions between the major powers and the Global South, local developments within countries and regions of the Global South are less addressed - therefore we refer to other courses in the programmes. The course also pays considerable attention to the evolution of international cooperation and the international economic context, including the political and ideological dimension.

Initial competences

General historical background knowledge is advisable. To have successfully completed the educational component 'Introduction to World Politics' is recommended. However, there are no formal initial competences required

Final competences

To obtain a robust historical framework concerning the studied period, specifically informed by the political science disciplines of international relations and international political economy. This implies not only knowledge about facts, but also political science-based insight in events, developments and long-term trends.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

Teaching methods

Lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods

Guest and exchange students who do not follow the lessons in Dutch, can opt for a written exam that is integrally based on the two volumes by Rich
If on campus lectures cannot take place due to corona, an online alternative will be provided. Students are invited to enter in debate, ask questions and take up discussion. They will also be presented with topics for discussion.
Students can also be supposed to follow just a few academic activities outside the regular time schedule (e.g. lectures, debates) and also be interrogated on these contents.

Learning materials and price

Guest and exchange students who do not follow the lessons in Dutch, should study the following books:
Rich, N. (1992). *Great power diplomacy: 1814-1914*. Boston: McGraw Hill.
Rich, N. (2003). *Great power diplomacy since 1914*. Boston: McGraw Hill.

References

None

Course content-related study coaching

The teachers are always available to answer questions.

Evaluation methods

end-of-term evaluation

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

Written examination with open questions

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**

examination during the second examination period is possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Guest and exchange students who do not follow the lessons in Dutch, can opt for a written exam that is integrally based on the two volumes by Rich mentioned earlier.
The focus will be on the international-political aspects (evolution of world order; causes and consequences of wars; international cooperation; Cold War; arms race; imperialism; the structure and institutions of the international political economy and its underlying ideas). The focus is NOT on domestic politics and the local history of developing countries, as these subjects are addressed in other courses at Ghent University. Of course, we recommend reading on these topics as well, as they provide context to the core themes of this course.

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic assessment (100 %)

Facilities for Working Students

The same learning material and exam format applies.