

Introduction to World Politics (K000967)

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

Credits 6.0 Study time 180 h Contact hrs 45.0 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

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| A (semester 2) | Dutch | lecture | 37.5 h |
| | | on-line discussion | 5.0 h |
| | | group | |
| | | guided self-study | 2.5 h |

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019

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| Van de Graaf, Thijs | PS03 | lecturer-in-charge |
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Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

| | crdts | offering |
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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 Archaeology | 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, on-line discussion group

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 Minerva (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

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 open questions

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic assessment (100%)