Course Specifications
Valid as from the academic year 2019-2020

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
(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 2019-2020
A (semester 2) Dutch UGent on campus lecture 45.0 h

Lecturers in academic year 2019-2020
Lesage, Dries PS03 lecturer-in-charge
De Keersmaeker, Goedele PS03 co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2019-2020
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 East European Languages and Cultures 6 A
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy 6 A
Bachelor of Science in Political Science 6 A
Bachelor of Science in Sociology 5 A
Linking Course Master of Science in Political Science (main subject International Politics) 6 A
Linking Course Master of Science in EU-Studies 6 A
Preparatory Course Master of Science in Political Science (main subject International Politics) 6 A
Preparatory Course Master of Science in EU-Studies 6 A

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. B.1.2, B.1.3, B.1.7, B.3.1, B.5.1

Contents
The course provides an in-depth overview of the international political history from 1815 until the beginning of 21st century. 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
On campus lecture

Extra information on the teaching methods
Students are invited to enter in debate, ask questions and take up discussion. They will also be presented with topics for discussion. IMPORTANT: 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 learn the following books:

References
None

Course content-related study coaching
Department-related support: Faye De Coen

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 polical 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.

(Approved)
Calculation of the examination mark
Periodic assessment (100 %)