

Course Unit	Theory of International Relations		Field of study	-	
Bachelor in	Languages for International Relations		School	School of Education	
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	2	Level	1-2
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	7.0
Code	8374-767-2106-00-23				
Workload (hours)	189	Contact hours	T -	TP 63	PL -
			TC -	S -	E -
			OT 18	O -	

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

Name(s) of lecturer(s)

Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Analyse the main theories and perspectives of international relations
2. Understand the role of the several international actors
3. Discuss the different perspectives within the international relations theories
4. Know the power categories and the form how they influence the relationships between States
5. Discuss the new dominant positions in the international relations scenario arguing the several theoretical perspectives
6. Point out the contemporary dilemmas within the international relations field clarifying solutions under the international relations theories

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
There are none

Course contents

- Introduction to international relations theory - Dominant theories in international relations - Theory of power and information in international relations - New perspectives on international relations - Transnational movements

Course contents (extended version)

1. Introduction to International Relations Theory
 - Basic concepts
 - Theory and history of international relations
 - International actors
 - Individual, State and System
2. Essential theories in international relations
 - The first world war and the liberal school
 - Realism and the Cold-War
 - Martin Wight and the english school
 - Neo-realism
 - Other theories - marxism; feminism
3. Theory of Power and information
 - State power
 - Cycles of war and peace
 - Categories of power
 - The power of information
 - The transformation of international power
4. New dominant theories in international relations
 - Adriano Moreira and rationalism
 - The constructivism of Alexander Wendt
 - Fukuyama and the end of history
 - Huntington and the clash of civilizations
 - Robert Kagan and Of Power and Paradise
 - Richard Haas and The Age of Nonpolarity
5. The transnational movements
 - Sovereignty and globalization
 - Transnational terrorism
 - The migration movements
 - Are there universal human values?

Recommended reading

1. Ainley, K. ; & Brown, C. (2012). Compreender as Relações Internacionais. Gradiva.
2. Boniface, P. (2008). Dicionário das Relações Internacionais. Plátano.
3. Coutinho, L. P. P. (2011). A Realidade Internacional – Introdução à Teoria das Relações Internacionais. Coimbra Editora.
4. Dunne, T. , Kurki, M. , & Smith, S. (2013). International Relations Theories. Discipline and diversity. Oxford University Press.
5. Moreira, A. (2011). Teoria das Relações Internacionais. Almedina.

Teaching and learning methods

- Discussion - Debate - Critical reflection - Group work - text and vídeo analysis

Assessment methods

1. Assessment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Intermediate Written Test - 70%
 - Development Topics - 30%
2. Appeal evaluation moment - (Regular, Student Worker) (Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese

Electronic validation

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