

Course Unit	International Relations		Field of study	Social and Human Sciences	
Bachelor in	International Business Management		School	School of Technology and Management	
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	1	Level	1-1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1	ECTS credits	3.0
Workload (hours)			81	Contact hours	
			T	-	TP
			26	PL	-
			TC	-	S
			-	E	-
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			-	-	-
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T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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### Learning outcomes and competences

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

1. Apply abstract theory and research methods to understand contemporary international political events and public international policies
2. Understand the structure and activities of the various actors and institutions influencing policy decisions at the world stage
3. Discuss and explain the different theoretical approaches that explain the today's world politics and international relations
4. Understand the relevant issues for the study of State relations in the field of politics, economic integration, policy trade, finance, national security and others
5. Identify the major issues concerning the global economy

### Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:  
Not applicable

### Course contents

Introduction to international relations. International relations theories. International institutions. Problems in the context of the international relations. International development and sustainable development. New international economic order.

### Course contents (extended version)

1. Introduction to international relations
  - Definition of State and national sovereignty
  - National interest and power
  - Individual, domestic and global perspectives of international relations
  - Actors in the context of international relations
2. International relations theories
  - Realism and State role
  - Hegemonic stability theory
  - Balance of power theory
  - Liberalism and the role of international norms and cooperation
  - Marxism theory
  - Contemporary international politics
3. International institutions
  - The United Nations (UN): goal, membership and structure
  - The World Bank (WB)
  - The International Monetary Fund (IMF)
  - The World Trade Organisation (WTO)
  - Other.
4. Problems in the context of international relations
  - Armed conflicts and terrorism
  - Economy and development
  - Financial Crisis
  - Demography
  - Environment and sustainability
  - Energy
5. International development and sustainable development
  - Unequal world wealth distribution
  - International aid
  - The role of non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
  - External Debt
6. New International Economic Order

### Recommended reading

1. Dunne, T., Kurki, M., & Smith, S. (2021). International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity (5th ed.). Oxford University Press.
2. Kaufman, J. P. (2018). Introduction to International Relations: Theory and Practice (2nd ed.). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
3. Nau, H. R. (2020). Perspectives on International Relations: Power, Institutions and Ideas (7th ed.). CQ Press.
4. Pevehouse, J. C., & Golstein, J. S. (2021). International Relations (12th ed.). Pearson Education.

### Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical concepts are introduced through lectures. Lectures are supported with references and video tools. Students are should discuss and debate case-study during lectures. Individual study and research (internet, databases, literature review) and the solving of practical tasks are forms of self dependent study in order to produce a final assignment. Tutorial sessions will be promoted

### Assessment methods

1. Alternative 1 - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
  - Case Studies - 20%
  - Intermediate Written Test - 20%
  - Final Written Exam - 60%
2. Alternative 2 - (Regular) (Supplementary, Special)
  - Final Written Exam - 100%

Assessment methods

3. Alternative 3 - (Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)  
- Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

English

Electronic validation		
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