

Effective Semester: Spring 2024

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: International Relations and Politics

Course Number: POLI 201

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer) **Total Hours:** 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Social Sciences **Department Head:** A. McDougall

Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):
N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): Minimum of 3 social science and/or arts courses

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses:

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce students to the elements and dynamics of contemporary international relations. It examines the nature and causes of change in the world arena leading up to the end of the Cold War and introduces students to several theoretical perspectives in international relations. This course will explore a series of topics on power rivalries, foreign policy, global terrorism, and humanitarian crisis. These topics will encourage students to critically think about issues in international relations and politics. Lectures will be followed by discussions, debates, and weekly themes will be supplemented by auxiliary videos.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Students will read critically the assigned materials and demonstrate that they understand the basic concepts and ideas of international relations and politics
- Students will engage in meaningful class discussions and demonstrate a familiarity with global policies / politics / and international relations
- Students will be able to express their ideas, opinions, and arguments on international relations topics through writing and debate

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50 %

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 20% Two Analytical / Critical Reviews at 10 % each	Quizzes: 30% Quizzes will occur throughout the course	Participation: 10% Class Discussions / MyCC Forums
Project: 15% Debate / video project / role play	Midterm Exam: 10%	Final Exam: 15%

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Introduction to International Relations: Perspectives, Connections, and Enduring Questions by Michael Mastanduno, Joseph Grieco, G. John Ikenberry, et al.
- *International, Economic, and Human Security in a Changing World*; Third Edition by James M. Scott, Ralph G. Carter and A. Cooper Drury.
- *Theories of International Politics and Zombies* by Daniel W. Drezner
- Additional required readings will be provided electronically on MyCC

COURSE TOPICS

- Introduction to International Relations and Politics
- Theoretical Perspectives
- The State and the Tradition of Power Politics
- The Cold War and After
- The International System
- Foreign Policy Analysis
- Beyond the Nation State
- Actors and Issues
- Global Politics and Security Issues
- International Political Economy
- The State and the Species
- Alternative Futures

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: [bctransferguide.ca](#)

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