The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Global Transitions and Human Security

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Academic Group: FOART
Academic Org: FOA003
HECS Band: 1
ASCED Code: 090101

STAFFING

Examiner: Don McMillen
Moderator: Richard Gehrmann

RATIONALE

An understanding of international relations, both historically and in the contemporary world, is crucial as societies and cultures, political systems and ideologies, and economies interact in dynamic and complex - and often confusing - ways at the different "levels" of the global system. Indeed, the actors in international relations range from individual persons to groups and institutions - with the latter including states and sub-state units, international organizations and movements, non-governmental organizations, multi-national corporations and regional organizations. Across disciplines, as well as across geopolitical borders and time periods, there are enduring coherent world views which shape perspectives about and analyses of global, regional, national and local environments; which portray expectations concerning the future; and which pronounce prescriptions for action by actors with authority. These views frame long-extant debates on war and peace, poverty and plenty, survival and extinction, and it is essential that Australians understand them in their regional contexts.

SYNOPSIS

This course and its sequel course INR1000 ("International Relations in a Globalizing Era"), are required courses in the International Relations Major and the International Relations Option Studies program in the Bachelor of Arts. Whereas course INR1000 treats the evolution of the international system and the practice of diplomacy through a critical presentation of the major competing analytical perspectives and approaches, including "Realism", "World Systems", and "Neo-Liberalism/Pluralism", course INR1001 further develops students' knowledge and analytical skills by focusing on several issues in the realms of political economy, security, law and order, the media and information society, and the "problems of humanity". These issues are considered within an international relations framework, increasingly defined by "globalization", but with a particular emphasis on their currency to Australia and its Asian region.
OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will demonstrate:

- An analytical understanding of the nature and evolution of "International Relations" as series of processes in and of themselves as well as an interdisciplinary field of academic study;
- An understanding of the nature and evolution of the international system and the practice of diplomacy and other forms of interaction at the various levels of the system, including globalization and evolving state sovereignty;
- Enhanced abilities to communicate clearly, both in written and oral form, the results of the research and other work they have been assigned as well as a higher level of competence to work on problem-solving activities; and
- An understanding of the currency and relevancy of the study of International Relations to their career interests and to the broader community within which they will function as informed citizens.

TOPICS

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<td>2. The International Political Economy (3)</td>
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<td>3. Some Concerns of Humanity - Development, Poverty and Hunger, and the Environment (2)</td>
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<td>4. International Security and Law and Order Issues (6)</td>
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<td>5. The International Media in the Post-Cold War Era (1)</td>
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TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:

Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.


REFERENCE MATERIALS

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

Various journal, periodical and Internet Sources (see Course Schedule).


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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# ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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**NOTES:**
- Major Paper - Analytical Briefing Paper (1500 words text)
- International Media Assignment - IR Media Analysis Paper (1200 words text)
- Exam dates will be notified in due course. Please refer to "Preview Essay Questions" and other exam information in your study materials.

# IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. **Attendance requirements:**
   There are no attendance requirements for this external course. However, it is the student's responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. **Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:**
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment item.

3. **Penalties for late submission of required work:**
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval, then a penalty of 10% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each of the first FIVE working days late, after which a zero mark will be given.

4. **Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:**
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in relation to the objectives of the course by: (i) satisfactorily completing the examination and assignments; and (ii) obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted marks for all summative assessment items.

5. **Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:**
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. **Examination information:**
   The exam for this course is a RESTRICTED EXAMINATION, and candidates are allowed access to * writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination); * Translation dictionary. With the Examiner's approval, candidates may take an appropriate non-electronic translation dictionary into the examination. This will be subject to
perusal and, if it is found to contain annotations or markings that could give the
candidate an unfair advantage, it may be removed from the candidate's possession
until the appropriate disciplinary action is completed.

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:

Any deferred or supplementary examinations for this course will normally be held
during the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:

Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6 Assessment, and 5.10
Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might
contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the
current USQ Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

9 (a) The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch
the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the
despatch date, if requested by the Examiner. (b) Students must retain a copy of
each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if
required by the Examiner. (c) In accordance with University's Assignment Extension
Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the
due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances such as documented
ill-health. (d) Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in the
course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of the course
within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM
(Incomplete-Makeup). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of
the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the
course after a period of non-directed personal study. (e) Students who, for medical,
family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an
assignment or sit for an examination at the scheduled time, may apply to defer an
assessment in the course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate
supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded:
IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up);
IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Should any item of assessment involve surveys, questionnaires or interviews,
students are required to meet the university and Faculty of Arts ethical requirements
for utilizing such methodologies. Students must satisfy the course examiner that
these requirements have been met.