**Curriculum Committee – April 2021**

**PSCI 2206 - International Relations**

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1. **COURSE TITLE: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**
2. **CATALOG – PSCI 2206**
3. **PREREQUISITE(S): PSCI 1104**
4. **COURSE TIME/LOCATION: TBA**
5. **CREDIT HOURS: 3 LECTURE HOURS: 3**

**LABORATORY HOURS: 0 OBSERVATION HOURS: 0**

1. **FACULTY CONTACT INFORMATION:**
2. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course examines and applies the basic theoretical perspectives in international relations. It addresses important global issues, including the origins of war, economic relations, and human rights, as well as the role of international institutions in global governance.

1. **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

Students will demonstrate:

1. An understanding of actors such as states, international organizations, NGOs, transnational corporations, and social movements;

2. An understanding of theoretical frameworks such as liberalism, realism, and constructivism;

3. An understanding of international political economy, international security, and foreign policy;

4. The ability to think analytically and critically about politics by developing skills related to the analysis of political data and using these skills to make informed decisions regarding political issues.

1. **ADOPTED TEXT(S):**

* *Essentials of International Relations*, *Eighth Edition*, Norton; Mingst, McKibben, and Arreguin-Toft;

ISBN: 978-0-393-64327-5

* *Essential Readings in World Politics, Sixth Edition,* Norton; Mingst and Snyder; ISBN: 9780393283662

1. **OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

None Anticipated

1. **GRADING SCALE:**

Grading will follow the policy in the catalog. The scale is as follows:

A: 90 – 100; B: 80 – 89; C: 70 – 79; D: 60 – 69; F: 0 – 59

1. **GRADING PROCEDURES OR ASSESSMENTS:**

Course Assessments will include-

* 1. Mid-term exam and Final exam (2 exams @ 100 points each) LO 1-4
  2. Critical Thinking Questions-Are assigned based upon assigned supplemental readings. (8 @ 12.5 points each) LO 1-4
  3. Research Paper focusing on a particular topic related to the course (100 points) LO 4
  4. Political Journal-students will keep a weekly journal related to major events in international relations and politics. (100 points) LO 4

Exam Points=200; (40%)

Critical Thinking Points=100; (20%)

Research Paper Points=100 (20%);

Political Journal Points=100 (20%);

Total Points=500 (100%)

1. **COURSE METHODOLOGY OR COURSE FORMAT: *­***The principal format will be lecture and discussion with significant focus on different theories and approaches to studying international relations.
2. **COURSE OUTLINE:** 
   1. Approaches to International Relations; (LO 2)
   2. Historical Context of Contemporary International Relations; (LO 2)
   3. International Relations Theories; (LO 2)
   4. Levels of Analysis-International, National, and Individual; (LO 2)
   5. The State and the Tools of Statecraft; (LO 1)
   6. War and Security; (LO 3)
   7. International Cooperation and International Law; (LO 3)
   8. International Political Economy; (LO 3)
   9. Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Organizations; (LO 1)
   10. Human Rights; (LO 3)
   11. Human Security: Migration, Global Health and the Environment (LO 1)

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

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| **SAMPLE COURSE SCHEDULE** | | | | |
| **WEEK** | **Chapter** | **Topic** | **Learning Obj.** | **Assignment** |
| 1 | 1 | Approaches to Intl Relations | 2, 4 | Critical Thinking |
| 2 | 2 | Historical Context | 2, 4 | Critical Thinking |
| 3 | 3 | Intl Relations Theories | 2, 4 | Critical Thinking |
| 4 | 3 | Theories (continued) | 2, 4 | Critical Thinking |
| 5 | 4 | Levels of Analysis | 2, 4 | Critical Thinking |
| 6 | 5 | State and Statecraft | 3, 4 | Critical Thinking |
|  |  | Mid-term exam |  |  |
| 7 | 6 | War and Security | 3, 4 | Critical thinking |
| 8 | 7 | Intl. Cooperation/Intl. Law | 3, 4 | Critical thinking |
| 9 | 8 | Intl. Political Economy | 3, 4 | Critical thinking |
| 10 | 9 | Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Orgs | 1, 4 | Critical thinking |
| 11 | 10 | Human Rights | 3, 4 | Critical thinking |
| 12 | 11 | Human Security | 1, 4 | Critical thinking |
| 13 |  | Strategic Game: *Diplomacy\** | 1-4 |  |
| 14 |  | Continue game | 1-4 |  |
|  |  | Journal Due |  |  |
|  |  | Research Paper Due |  |  |
|  |  | Final exam |  |  |

**Note:** Critical thinking assignments will be based on readings from the assigned text, *Essential Readings in Comparative Politics,* and appropriate to the particular subject of study at the time of the assignment.

**\**Diplomacy*** is a well-known strategic game where the players represent the seven major European powers at the beginning of the 20th century-Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Russia, and Turkey. The object of the game is to dominate Europe by controlling “supply centers.” There are no elements of chance in the game-no dice, spinners, or drawn cards. The game depends on the strategic thinking and diplomatic skills of each player. Reportedly it was President Kennedy’s favorite game, but those who played with him complained they had to let him win!

1. **SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

* All written assignments must be typed. The research paper must be in APA format. MLA format is accepted for all other assignments. Purdue OWL is a good online resource for APA format.
* **Electronic Devices-**please use common sense with your electronic devices. It is recommended you avoid these distractions during class. This will allow you to fully concentrate on the material and avoid disturbing other students.
* Students receive timely feedback and progress updates as needed.
* **Attendance-**I am required to take attendance at every class session. You are expected to attend every class session. If you know that you must miss a class, please advise me (preferably before the class). If you accumulate six unexcused absences you will be withdrawn from the course.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION:**

**FERPA:** Students need to understand that your work may be seen by others. Others may see your work when being distributed, during group project work, or if it is chosen for demonstration purposes. Students also need to know that there is a strong possibility that your work may be submitted to other entities for the purpose of plagiarism checks.

**DISABILITIES:** Students with disabilities may contact the Disabilities Service Office, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431.