

DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS

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| Name of the subject in Hungarian: | International Relations |
| Name of the subject in English: | International Relations |
| Credit value of the subject: | 5 |
| The code of the subject in the electronic study system: | MN-INTREL-05-EA |
| Classification of the subject: | Obligatory |
| Language of instruction (in case of non-Hungarian courses): | English |
| Institute or department responsible for the subject: | Institute of Social Sciences and International Studies |
| Course type and number of contact hours: | Lecture, class per week: 2, class per semester: 0 |
| Mode of study: (Full-time / Part-time): | Full-time training |
| The semester in which the subject is open for registration: | 2022/2023 1st semester |
| Prerequisite(s): | - |

THE PURPOSE OF THE SUBJECT, LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The course provides a general introduction to the study of world politics. Starting from a discussion of the specific nature of international – as opposed to domestic – politics, the course proceeds by introducing the major conceptual and analytical tools that help us understand global politics better and in more depth. The main goal of the course is to give students an overview of the more specialised fields of the discipline of International Relations, and to contribute to their critical understanding of the present state and future evolution of world order.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT

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STUDENT'S TASKS AND PLANNED LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

Students are expected to prepare with the weekly readings and to follow current news in international politics. One good way of doing the latter efficiently is to sign up for a good newsletter (e.g. the one provided by the US-based Council on Foreign Relations).

Student tasks/activities:

Weekly compulsory readings and other materials (reading, understanding, research questions, terminology, methods)

Weekly class discussions (creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication)

End-of-term reflective essay (writing, critical thinking, self-reflection, self-awareness)

End-of-term applied concepts paper (writing, critical thinking, terminology, analytical thinking)

EVALUATION OF THE SUBJECT:

The course can be completed in two ways:

1. Applied concepts paper (40%) + reflective essay (10%) + end-of-term exam (50%)
2. Weekly participation and tasks (40%) + Applied concepts paper (40%) + Reflective essay

(20%) - Students choosing the second option will have further opportunity to improve their grade by taking the end-of-term exam.

Applied concepts paper: Students are expected to provide 10 examples of how a selection of studied concepts can be used to illuminate what takes place in world politics. This task is divided into a mid-term and an end-of-term component.

End-of-term exam: The final exam consists of tests and questions requiring short answers (the format of the exam might change in case the exam period takes place online).

Reflective essay: Students are expected to examine their learning process throughout the course, and reflect on the changes in their perspectives in 1500-2000 words.

Weekly participation and tasks: active class participation and contributions to online weekly tasks are required for this component.

Offered grade can be given: Yes.

OBLIGATORY READING LIST:

- *An introduction to international relations.* , 2017
- Materials uploaded on Coospace

RECOMMENDED READING LIST:

- *Essential readings in world politics.* , 2017
- *Global politics : a new introduction.* Routledge, 2019
- Griffiths, Martin,: *International relations : the key concepts.* , 2014
- Handler, Scott P.: *International politics : classic and contemporary readings.* , 2012
- Baylis, John; Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (eds.): *The Globalization of World Politics*, Oxford University Press, 2020