

DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS

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| Name of the subject in Hungarian: | Introduction to International Relations |
| Name of the subject in English: | Introduction to International Relations |
| Credit value of the subject: | 6 |
| The code of the subject in the electronic study system: | BN-INTPRS-06-KG |
| 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 + Practical, class per week: 2+2, class per semester: 0+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:

Students completing this course will be able to:

1. understand and explain the specific characteristics and conceptual vocabulary of international, as opposed to domestic, politics;
2. compare the various mainstream theoretical approaches in International Relations and apply them to the same cases;
3. discuss major trends and challenges in today's international politics;
4. apply relevant concepts to empirical information in order to critically analyze current developments in world politics.

SUMMARY OF THE CONTENT OF THE SUBJECT

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 course introduces empirical knowledge about world politics through a focus on a number of concepts/institutions (state, sovereignty, nation, peace, war, diplomacy, security, etc.), and mainstream theories (realism, liberalism, social constructivism). 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.

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 tasks (creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving, communication)

Other practical tasks, presentations, written products (writing, critical thinking, self-reflection, self-awareness)

Final exam (general knowledge, analytical thinking, interpretation, terminology, problem-solving)

EVALUATION OF THE SUBJECT:

The course is evaluated on a 0-100 scale.

The results of the practical class contribute 50%

The practical classes are evaluated on the basis of active participation and performing other practical tasks, such as presentations, blogging, essay writing, etc. as specified by the instructor of the practical class at the beginning of the semester.

An end-of-term written examination based on the lectures contribute the other 50%. (The format of the exam might change in case the exam period takes place online).

Offered grade can be given: No.

OBLIGATORY READING LIST:

- *An introduction to international relations.* , 2017
- Baylis, John: *The globalization of world politics : an introduction to international relations.* Oxford University Press, 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
- Jackson, Robert: *Introduction to international relations.* Oxford University Press, 2018
- Baylis, John; Steve Smith and Patricia Owens (eds.): *The Globalization of World Politics,* Oxford University Press, 2020