



Course Code IREL-407	Course Title Theory of International Relations	ECTS Credits 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites IREL 101
Type of Course Required	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 4 th Year	Lecturer(s) Dr Costas M. Constantinou
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course

The main objectives of the course are to introduce students to a range of substantive literatures that attempt to explain and/or understand international relations. It examines specific IR theories such as realism, liberalism, English School, constructivism, globalization, feminism, post structuralism, post colonialism and Green theory and competing methodological approaches to the interpretation and evaluation of political claims and contemporary global events. It also seeks to apply IR theory to specific cases studies and empirical contexts.

Learning Outcomes

After completion of the course students are expected to:

1. Illustrate an understanding of theoretical literatures on international relations.
2. Illustrate a familiarity with the primary critical evaluations of these literatures.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation of the complexity of ways of knowing about political and international affairs.
4. Assess and evaluate competing claims about modern political and global life.
5. Illustrate oral and written communication skills in the formulation of conceptual problems and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines.
6. Use IT skills as study and communication tools.
7. Have the learning skills to allow them to continue education in a self-directed manner and to work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
8. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

Course Contents

1. Theorizing International Relations
2. Realism
3. Liberalism
4. English School
5. Marxism-Critical Theory
6. Constructivism
7. Feminism
8. Poststructuralism
9. Postcolonialism
10. Green Theory
11. Globalization
12. Summary and Conclusions

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and tutorial sessions

Assessment Methods

Exam, Essay, Class participation.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Dunne, Kurki and Smith	<i>International Relations Theories: Discipline and Diversity</i>	Oxford University Press	2007	0199298335

Recommended Textbooks

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Burchill et al,	<i>Theories of International Relations</i>	Palgrave Macmillan	2009	0230219233
Fry and O'Hagan (eds),	<i>Contending Images of World Politics</i>	Palgrave Macmillan	2001	0333913760