



Course Code IREL-320	Course Title Foreign Policy Analysis	ECTS Credits 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Required	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd	Lecturer(s) Dr Hubert Faustmann
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Explore the area of decision-making processes in Foreign Policy.
- Introduce and assess the current state of research in the various areas of Foreign Policy Analysis.
- To introduce the student to several models used in Foreign Policy Analysis and assess their relevance and practical value.
- Examine the role of diplomacy in International Relations.
- To apply various theoretical models to a case study (the decision-making during the Cuban Missile Crisis) and thereby assess the explanatory power and usefulness of various models as tools for Foreign Policy Analysis.
- To introduce and examine the various actors in Foreign Policy.
- To introduce and examine the interplay of domestic and external factors as well as psychological influences on goal formation and decision-making.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the main issues and theoretical debates in the field of Foreign Policy Analysis as part of the study of International Relations.
2. Independently identify, analyze and evaluate complex issues relating to Foreign Policy using a variety of methodological tools.
3. Demonstrate knowledge of the research methods used in the field of Foreign Policy Analysis.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of some key research debates within the field of study.
5. Illustrate the ability to continue learning in a self-directed manner and work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
6. Illustrate an appreciation of the skills required to analyse and make decisions in foreign policy.
7. Argue and present an analysis and evaluation of complex issues both orally and in writing as well as lead a discussion regarding issues of an international nature.

8. Report in the English language both orally and in written form at a high level of competence.
9. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
10. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

Course Contents:

1. Introduction
Video: The Cuban Missile Crisis
2. The Rational Actor Model
3. The Cuban Missile Crisis: A First Cut
4. The Organizational Behaviour Model
5. Movie: 13 Days
6. The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Second Cut
7. Governmental Politics Model
The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Third Cut
8. The Politics of Foreign Policy
9. Actors: The Responsible Decision Makers
Agents: Bureaucracy and the Proliferation of External Relations
10. Implementation: Translating Decisions and Capabilities into Actions
11. Living in the Anarchical Society
12. The Domestic Sources of Foreign Policy
13. The Constituencies of Foreign Policy

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Student Presentations, Question and Answers, Discussions and Assignments, Audio-visual Material.

Assessment Methods:

Final Examination, Mid-Term Essay, 2 Presentations, Participation, Attendance.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Graham Allison/Philip Zelikov	Essence of Decision. Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis. Second Edition	Longman	1999	0-321-01349-2
Christopher Hill:	The Changing Politics of Foreign Policy	Palgrave Macmillan	2003	0-333-75423-9

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Valerie M. Hudson	Foreign Policy Analysis. Classic and Contemporary Theory	Littlefield	2006	
Laura Neak/Jeanne A.K. Hey/Patrick J.	Foreign Policy Analysis. Continuity and Change in	Prentice Hall	1995	

Haney (eds):	Its Second Generation			
Laura Neak	The New Foreign Policy: Power Seeking in a Globalized Era	Rowman & Littlefield	2008	
Steve Smith et al	Foreign Policy: Theories, Actors, Cases	Oxford University Press	2008	