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| Course Code IREL-500 | Course Title Theory of International Relations | ECTS Credits 7.5 |
| Department European Studies and International Relations | Semester Fall, Spring | Prerequisites None |
| Type of Course Required | Field International Relations | Language of Instruction English |
| Level of Course 2 nd Cycle | Year of Study 1 st | Lecturer(s) Professor Farid Mirbagheri |
| 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:

1. Introduce an overall survey of theories of International Relations, past and present as well as trends for the future.
2. Equip students with conceptual understanding of the motives and objectives of behaviour in international life.
3. Link international phenomena and render them intelligible.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Demonstrate a deep understanding of the frameworks with which international relations can be analyzed
2. Illustrate the ability to discuss the multi-faceted nature of world affairs
3. Identify and discuss the shortcomings in different IR paradigms and identify future trends
4. Illustrate the workings of international political machinery at the theoretical level by various paradigms
5. Demonstrate the linkages between theory and practice in international relations
6. Illustrate a conceptual understanding of the motives and objectives of behavior in international life
7. Classify and contrast the inequalities and the inadequacies of the international system
8. Employ historical perspectives to international developments
9. Integrate international phenomena and render them intelligible
10. Demonstrate knowledge of the key texts in the contemporary literature on IR theory and question theoretical arguments presented to them, make efficient use of libraries
11. Employ skills to allow students to partake in research of international phenomena through student's own learning, study and research with minimal assistance
12. Report on international phenomena orally and in writing at an academic and professional standard
13. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools

Course Contents:

1. Theory Formation
2. Theory and International Relations
3. Statehood and International Relations
4. The Great Debates
5. Peace and War
6. Post-Modernism and Critical Theory
7. Power and Collective Security
8. Security and Balance of Power
9. Foreign Policy in International Relations
10. Justice and Order
11. International Cooperation

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and discussions, Sessions with visiting speakers, Self-study.

Assessment Methods:

Class participation, Presentation of a topic, Written essay, Mid-term and a Final examination.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year | ISBN |
|----------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. Linklater, Andrew | Transformation of Political Community: Ethical Foundations of the Post-Westphalian Era | University of South Carolina Press | 1998 | 1-57003-258-0 |
| 2. Waltz, Kenneth | Theory of International Politics | Addisson-Wesley | 1979 | |
| 3. Bull, Hadely | Anarchical Society | Columbia University Press/Macmillan | 1997/ 1995 | 0-333-19914-4 |

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| Authors | Title | Publisher | Year | ISBN |
|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|------|------|
| 1. Little, Richard & Smith, Michael | Perspectives on World Politics: A Reader | Cambridge University Press | 1991 | |
| 2. Smith & Booth | International Theory: Positivism and Beyond | Columbia University Press | 1996 | |
| 3. Keohane, Robert | Neorealism and its Critics | Leicester University Press | 1986 | |
| 4. Wight, Martin | Systems of States | Routledge | 1977 | |

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| 5. Griffiths, Martin | Realism, Idealism and International Politics: A Reinterpretation | Oxford University Press | 1992 | |
| 6. Suganami, Hideimi | On the Causes of War | Blackwell | 1996 | |
| 7. Hoy, D. C. | Foucault: A Critical Reader | Cambridge University Press | 1986 | |
| 8. Liska, George | The Ways of Power: Patterns and Meanings in World Politics | Gower | 1990 | |
| 9. Frost, M. | Ethics in International Relations | Blackwell | 1996 | |
| 10. Clark & White | Understanding Foreign Policy: The Foreign Policy Systems Approach | | 1989 | |
| 11. McGrew, Anthony et al. | Global Politics: Globalisation and the Nation State | | 1992 | |