



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIR-630DE	Foreign Policy Analysis	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	International Relations	English/Greek
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
2 nd Cycle	Prof. Hubert Faustmann	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Distance Learning	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

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.
- To 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. Illustrate extensive knowledge of key trends and developments within 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 extensive knowledge of the research methods used in the field of Foreign Policy Analysis
4. Demonstrate extensive knowledge of some key research debates within the field of study.
5. Illustrate full understanding of the complexity of the field of study and its relation to other subjects.
6. Illustrate the ability to analyze the decision-making process in foreign policy
7. Analyze and evaluate complex issues both orally and in writing as well as lead a discussion regarding issues of an international nature.
8. Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level.
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 Content:

Realism and Foreign Policy
Liberalism and Foreign Policy
Constructivism and Foreign Policy
Discourse Analysis, Post-Structuralism, and Foreign Policy
Actors, Structures and Foreign Policy Analysis
FP Decision-making: Rational, Psychological, Neurological Models
Implementation and Behaviour
The Role of Media and Public Opinion
The Primacy of National Security
Economic Statecraft
Duties Beyond Borders
Case Study: The Cuban Missile Crises
Allison: The Rational Actor Model
Allison: The Organizational Behavior Model (OBM)
Allison: The Governmental Politics Model (GPM)
Final Exam

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

PowerPoint and articulate presentations, tutorials, essay assignment, forums and chats, individual guidance

Assessment Methods:

Essay Assignment
 Mid-Term Research Essay
 Participation in the Course Forum and Tutorials
 Final examination

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Foreign Policy. Theories, Actors, Cases. 2 nd . Edition	Steve Smith/Amelia Hadfield/Time Dunne	Oxford University Press	2012	978-0-199-59623-2

Recommended Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Essence of Decision. Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis. Second Edition	Graham Allison/Philip Zelikov	Longman	1999	0-321-01349-2
The Changing Politics of Foreign Policy	Christopher Hill	Palgrave Macmillan	2003	0-333-75423-9
Foreign Policy Analysis. Classic and Contemporary Theory	Valerie M. Hudson	Littlefield	2006	978-1-442-22004-1
Foreign Policy Analysis. Continuity and Change in Its Second Generation	Laura Neak/Jeanne A.K. Hey/Patrick J. Haney (eds)	Prentice Hall	1995	978-0-130-60575-7

The New Foreign Policy: Power Seeking in a Globalized Era	Laura Neak	Rowman & Littlefield	2008	978-0-742-55632-4
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